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FAMOUS ATHLETE KILLED IN ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.
It is officially announced that Finland's famous field and track champion, Erkki Tamila, has been killed in action at the front.
—Havas.

DANUBE BLOCKED BY ICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

The Danube is now completely frozen over, by one of the bitterest winters for decades, and is closed to navigation.

The situation is a heavy blow to Germany, for her much needed imports from Rumania are unable to get through in anything like useful quantities. The railway running through Poland is still disrupted and the only way for Rumanian exports to reach Germany is over the Hungarian railway system which is already overtaxed.

The importance of the Danube as a trade artery is indicated by the fact that eighty per cent. of Rumanian petrol and the whole of the wheat exported to Germany is usually conveyed by the Danube route.

It is impossible to foresee how long river traffic will be interrupted as the river remains frozen for periods, varying from year to year, from one week to as long as three months.—Havas.

U.S. PROTEST AGAINST MAIL CENSORSHIP

New York, To-day.

The United States Government has protested to Britain about the stoppage of American mail bound for Germany.

The United States, says the protest, cannot admit the right of the British authorities to interfere with the

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

MUCH SPECULATION has been caused by an announcement to the effect that Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador in Moscow, is returning to London shortly, on furlough.

The decision, in itself, does not constitute a surprise of any kind, as Sir William Seeds has been strenuously worked for the past several months, but political quarters wonder whether Sir William will return to Moscow after his five weeks' rest.

There seems to be a consensus of opinion that circumstances will not permit him to resume his functions.

This, of course, would not be tantamount to a severance of diplomatic relations between Britain and Soviet Russia as the care of the Embassy would be entrusted to a charge d'affaires.

Nevertheless, it is pointed out that the harangues and accusations of the Moscow Press and Radio do not contribute in any way towards facilitating an improvement in Soviet-British relations, which have deteriorated notably since the invasion of Finland.

AID TO FINLAND

Britain feels morally bound to give Finland all the assistance possible in present circumstances and will do so regardless of the consequences. It is up to Russia to restore normal diplomatic relations, by stopping her aggressive attacks and recalling her troops from Finland, state authoritative London quarters.

It is noted, at the same time, that the return of Sir William Seeds on leave coincides with the recall of Signor Rossi, the Italian Ambassador in Moscow, as a protest against the Russian recall of the Soviet Ambassador-Designate to Rome before he had presented his credentials.—Havas.

function of American mails carried in American or neutral ships, nor can the United States admit the right of the British to censor mails transported in vessels which involuntarily enter British ports.

It is said that over 1,250 sacks of mail destined for Germany have been seized in four cases.

British quarters in Washington state that the British "censorship" is to prevent foreign currencies from reaching Germany.

Whatever the official view adopted by the British Government, reply is, these same quarters emphasize that the British reply will be considered and courteous.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST—North East winds, moderate force.

CHINESE RE-OCCUPY H.K. BORDER

BETWEEN 500 AND 600 CHINESE TROOPS ARE NOW BILLETED AT DIFFERENT POINTS ALONG THE BORDER IN CHINESE TERRITORY BETWEEN SHUMCHUN AND SHATAUKOK, ACCORDING TO AUTHENTIC REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE "CHINA MAIL" TO-DAY.

A Chinese military commander has arrived and taken command of the

London, To-day.

Miss Unity Mitford, Hitler's "English girl-friend," is now on her way back to England — with a bullet-wound in her head. She is expected home to-day.

It is reported that Hitler personally made the arrangements which resulted in her coming home, and it is understood that she is reaching Britain through either Belgium or Holland.

Miss Mitford, daughter of Lord and Lady Redesdale, has long been known for her pro-Nazi sympathies.

She arrived in Germany shortly before the war was declared on one of her usual visits, and was unable to leave the country again.

Soon afterwards, it was said that she had tried to poison herself after a quarrel with Adolf Hitler and that she had been sent to a Munich nursing-home. Now, however, it appears she has a bullet-wound in the head.

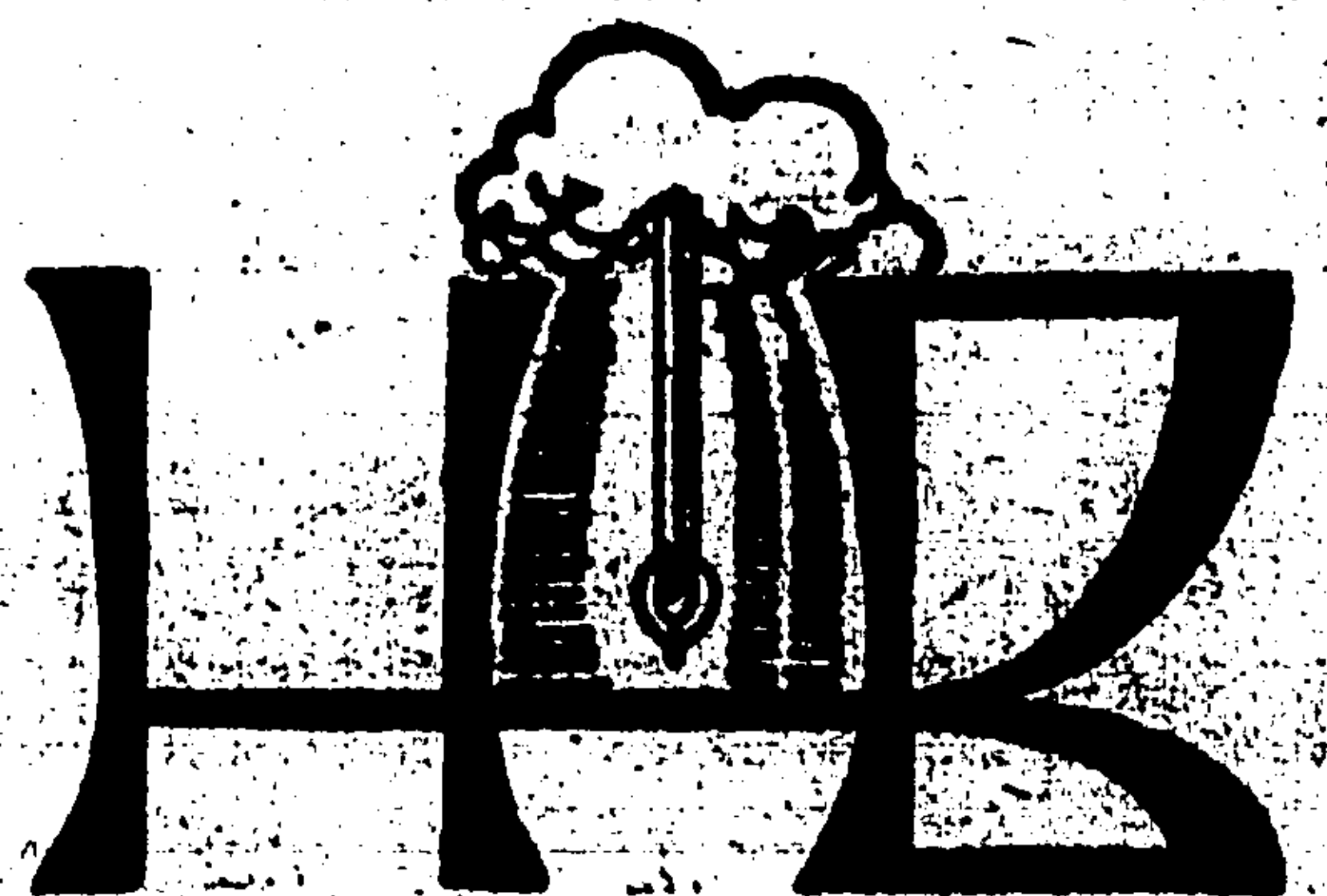
Her father to-day is waiting at a Channel port for his daughter and has completed arrangements for her to finish the journey in an ambulance.—Reuter.

area, while the former Shumchun magistrate has resumed his duties.

The situation along the entire border is described "calm and peaceful" but there appears to be a shortage of food among the villagers who were unable to cultivate their farms while the Japanese were in occupation.

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NEW INITIATIVE FOR PEACE BELIEVED TO BE UNLIKELY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

DESPITE THE SPATE of hints of the imminence of a new peace campaign, authoritative quarters state that it is extremely unlikely that any new peace initiative will be taken at the present time. It is learned that the same view is held in Vatican quarters, where it is appreciated that any attempt, under present circumstances, to discover a satisfactory formula would fail, since it is obvious that Germany is in no mood to consider the minimum of prerequisites for peace discussions.

The Vatican takes the view that even were it possible to secure a truce, there would be no prospect of lasting peace.

Nevertheless, informed quarters in London believe that the Vatican has recently been sounded regarding such an initiative for peace, while some quarters anticipate that if the proposed visit of Signor Mussolini to the Vatican eventuates, it is more than likely that the talks between Il Duce and His Eminence the Pope would be connected with the prospects of a peace conference.—Havas.

ROOSEVELT UNITED FRONT BID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
According to the "Evening Star" the post of Secretary of the Navy, recently awarded to Charles Edison, had been previously offered to Colonel Frank Knox, the Republican candidate for the Vice-Presidency in 1936. This fact is considered as revealing President Roosevelt's intention to establish the fullest co-operation between the parties in order to present a united front under present international conditions. — Havas.

NEW COMMANDER OF U.S. MARINES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.
Colonel De Witt Peck, new Commander of the Fourth United States Marines in Shanghai, arrived here on Monday night. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.—Havas.

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INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS FOR WAR SERVICES

London, To-day.

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR and National Service announces that the operation of the schedule of reserved occupations has been relaxed in order to permit men of or above the age of reservation in certain occupations to volunteer for service in the forces or in the civil defence services.

Men in occupations included in List One (numbering 42 occupations, including editorial staffs of newspapers, periodicals and news agencies) may volunteer for any branch of the defence services, but men in occupations in List Two (including masons, boot-repairers, senior clerks, cooks, dock and harbour workers and lithographers) can be accepted for service only in their trade capacity.

Further relaxation of the schedule is also being made in order to permit the recruitment, irrespective of ages of reservation, of a large number of building and road-making operatives required by the B.E.F. in France, and also certain classes of building operatives for full-time duties in A.R.P. rescue services.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AS MILITARY POWER

London, To-day.

The Paris newspaper "Le Temps," in a eulogy of Britain's efforts since the war began, writes:—

"Traditionally a great naval power, England has, in a very short time, become a great military power under pressure of the necessity of conducting a victorious war. This is a magnificent effort, worthy of a great nation."

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BRITAIN'S TRADE WITH DENMARK

London, To-day.

Prince Axel of Denmark and M. Mohr, leaders of the Danish delegation, returned to London yesterday to resume the Anglo-Danish trade negotiations which were adjourned over the Christmas holidays. The rest of the Danish delegation is expected to arrive in London at the end of the week.—British Wireless.

UTILISING BRITAIN'S MAN-POWER

London, To-day.

The Royal Proclamation notifying another 2,000,000 men of their liability for military service is generally welcomed.

The greatness of Britain's war effort disposes of German gibes that Britain is willing to die to the last Frenchman.

Also, the methodical calling-up over a considerable period indicates British ability to utilise man-power to the maximum advantage of both industry and service, thus avoiding the waste and confusion so conspicuous in the last war, when the acceptance of compulsory service was qualified by strong opposition and widespread misgiving, even after 17 months of desperate campaigning.

This time, on the other hand, the scheme is warmly approved in all sections of British opinion.—Reuter.

MODERNISED ROADS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AS THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT RECENTLY EXPLAINED, ALL ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE WHICH HAD REACHED AN ADVANCED STAGE BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR ARE BEING COMPLETED, DESPITE THE GREAT STRAIN IMPOSED BY THE WAR EFFORT ON THE COUNTRY'S RESOURCES OF LABOUR AND MATERIAL.

Thus the Winchester by-pass which incorporates the latest types of "half-clover-leaf" and fly-over junctions, will be opened next week.

Traffic signals, on a new principle, designed to give priority to main road traffic, are being fitted at important crossings.

In this vehicle-activated system, all signal lights are at red until the traffic reaches the detector pads.

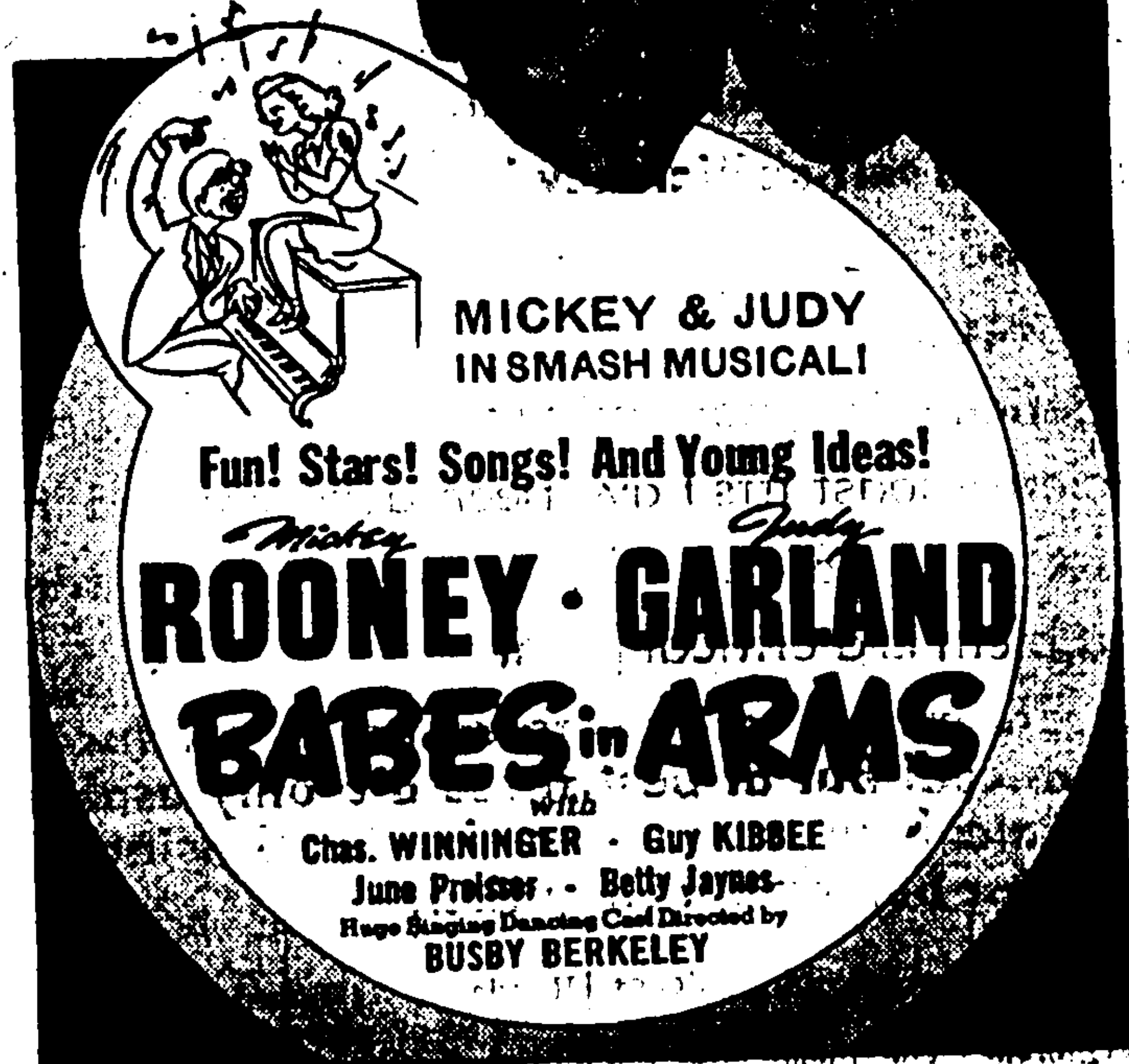
On the main roads, secondary detector pads, 200 feet back from the crossing, ensure favourable treatment for through traffic and the mechanism is timed to give passage to such traffic without requiring deceleration unless cross traffic has already been released.—British Wireless.

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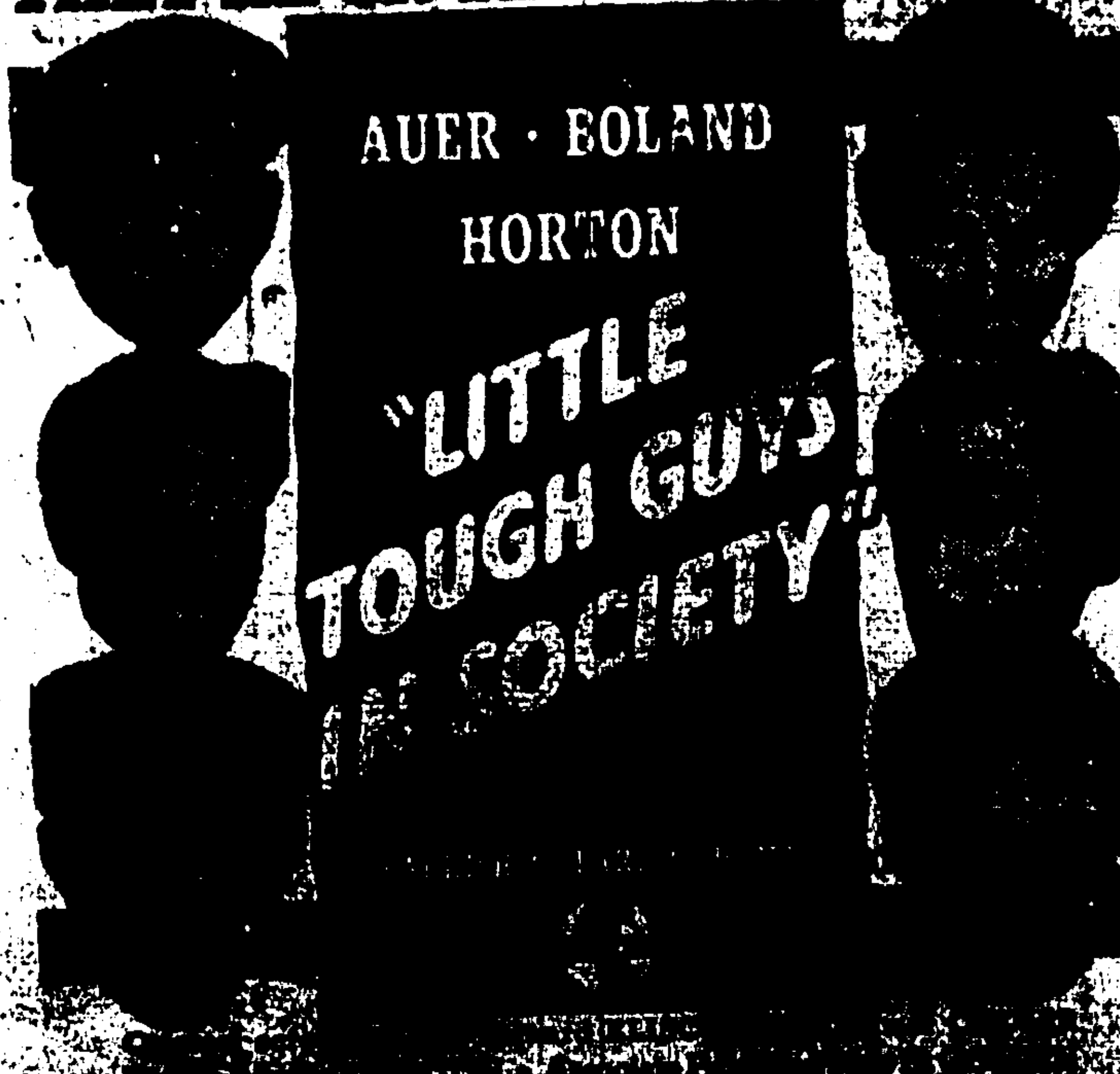
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GERMANY'S FOOD PROBLEMS ANALYSED: BETWEEN 70 AND 80 P.C. SELF-SUFFICIENT

Amsterdam, To-day.

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW of Germany's food problems is given in the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche" of Berlin in which the writer assesses German self-sufficiency in foodstuffs at between 70 and 80 per cent. except for fats which is 50 per cent.

This deficiency is normally made up by imports. Sufficient foodstuffs have been accumulated in the last 12 or 18 months but nevertheless the fat problem is a critical point.

Desperate efforts are being made to produce fats from coal but at best these are only usable for technical purposes with a view to releasing edible fats for human consumption.

The possibilities of grapestones, beechnuts and horse chestnuts are being explored. The mean situation appears very difficult. Rationing is most severe and the effects of foot and mouth disease are being felt. By the importation of fodders from

Russia it is hoped to increase the number of pigs in Germany.

Sea fishing has been reduced to a minimum. The situation with regard to leguminous plants like peas is very unsatisfactory as the total crop of Germany proper last year produced only 624,000 tons.

SHORTAGE OF TIN

In addition the canning industry is suffering a shortage of tin for cans. Polish territories are expected to help to make up the general deficit particularly grain, meat and eggs but little butter can be hoped for from there.

The grain situation is generally good and the position with regard to potatoes is also not unsatisfactory as only 25 per cent. of the total crop is needed for human consumption though this percentage is expected to increase considerably on account of the shortage of other commodities, and a special reserve of two million tons is being laid aside. — Reuter.

WAR AGAINST BOREDOM

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A GREAT STEP FORWARD IN THE "WAR AGAINST BOREDOM," WHICH HAS BEEN WAGED WHILE ACTIVE OPERATIONS ARE DELAYED, HAS BEEN TAKEN BY A DECISION OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT VARIOUS SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS — SUCH AS THE SALVATION ARMY, Y.M.C.A. AND CHURCH ARMY — MAY NOW GO AHEAD WITH PLANS TO PROVIDE CANTEENS AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE TROOPS IN THE BRITISH ZONE, SAYS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

In an interview, the Organising Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. outlined plans to establish centres comprising recreation rooms, reading and writing rooms, concert halls and canteens, staffed by several hundred Y.M.C.A. workers, while a fleet of 50 large vans, fitted as travelling tea-shops and libraries combined—are to visit isolated posts and units.

Colonel Booth Davey, leader of the Salvation Army in the British zone, said that there will be Salvation Army centres in 24 towns, of which 11 have sleeping accommodation for troops stranded in passing through, while six mobile canteens are coming from England next week.

The Salvation Army wanted to provide ambulances for men on active service not only in the British zone but also for the French armies.

He added that the French military authorities had asked the Salvation Army to organize 600 canteens and recreation rooms behind the Maginot Line. — The French—will provide the buildings while the Salvation Army will furnish the personnel.—Reuter.

OVERCOATS CAPTURED

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish troops yesterday captured one Soviet tank, three machine-guns, a field-kitchen and 400 overcoats.

The seizure of the overcoats is considered an especial achievement, in view of the bitterly cold weather.—Reuter.

ALL-TIME RECORD IN CANADIAN OUTPUT

London, To-day.

The value of mineral production in Canada in 1939 is estimated at 470,790,000 dollars—an all-time high record, representing a six per cent. increase over the preceding year and three per cent. over 1937 when the previous high-est was reached.

New output records are reported for antimony, gold, copper, zinc, nickel, cadmium, crude petroleum, natural gas, gypsum, sulphur and lime.

Several new gold mines reached the production stage and the gold productive field was widened.

Iron ore was produced on a commercial scale for the first time in sixteen years at Michipicoten and this was, perhaps, the most significant development of the year in the Canadian mining industry.

Considerable prospecting and development work was carried out in those metals and ores which have not as yet been produced to any great extent in Canada but which are important for war purposes. These metals include molybdenum, manganese, mercury and tungsten.

It is also reported that several new oil wells were brought into production in Alberta.—British Wireless.

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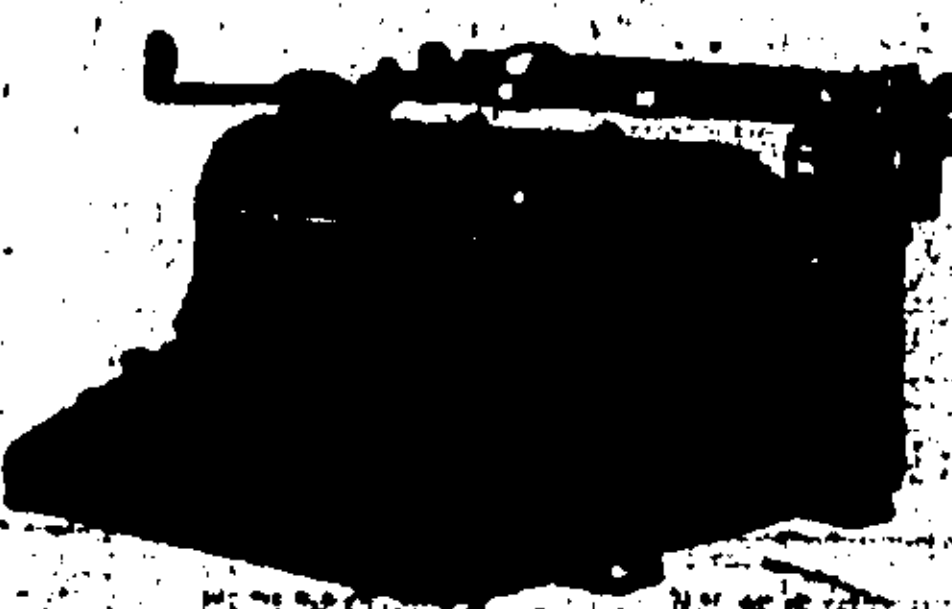
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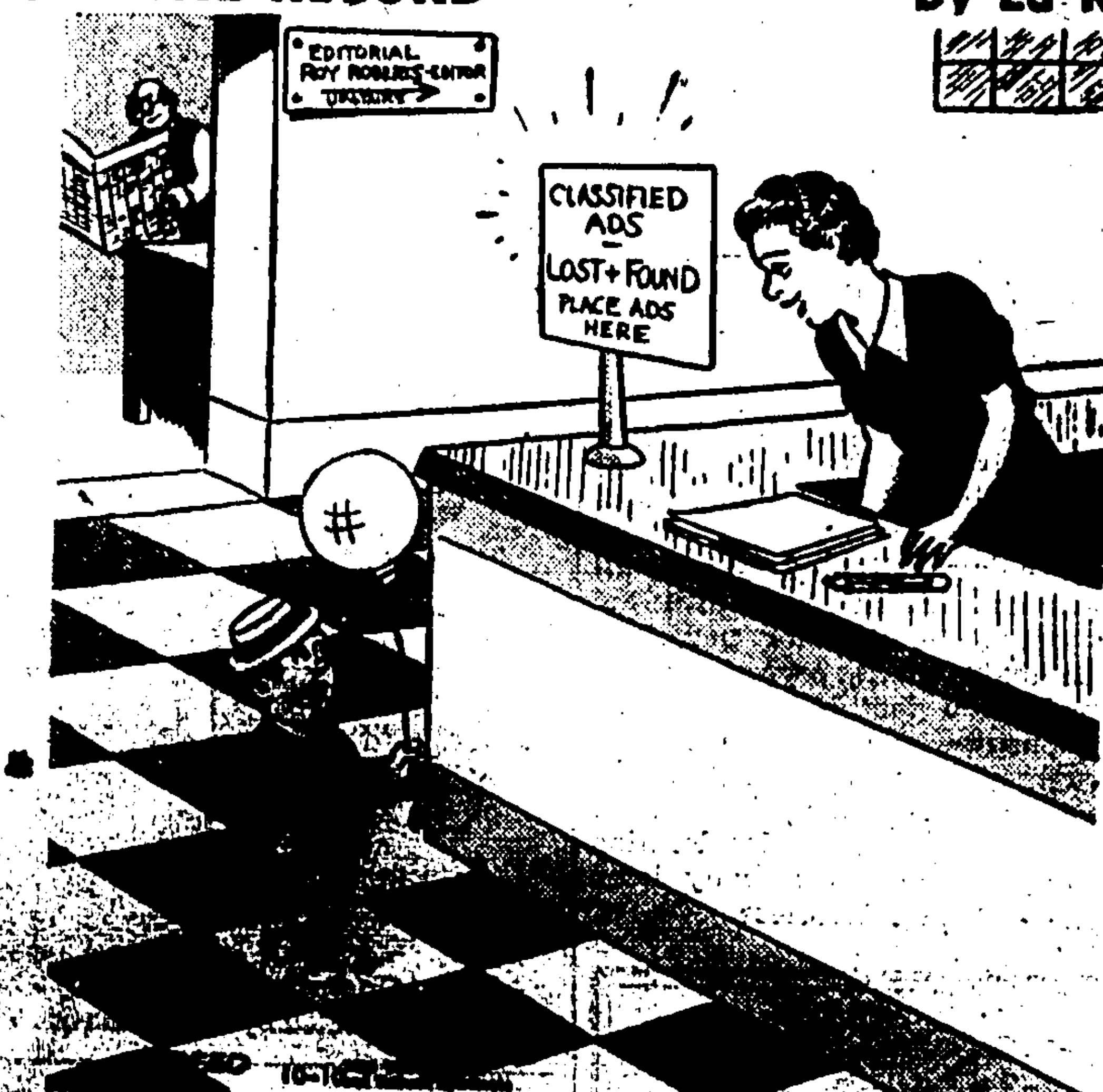


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OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



KING VISITS SOUTHERN COMMAND

London, To-day.

The King paid a visit yesterday to troops in the Southern Command, where he was met by a parade of 4,000 men who greeted him with a burst of cheering.

After inspecting this centre, and talking with many officers and men, His Majesty drove in a camouflaged car to a number of small villages in an area where units have been stationed.

At each place, the King left the car and walked up and down the lines and, at one place, walked over a mile along a road lined with enthusiastically cheering men.

At this point, His Majesty's only escort was a crowd of evacuated children, who followed closely behind him. His Majesty's tour took him through two countries and occupied most of the day.—British Wireless.

"NORMAL ACTIVITY" ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

The French communiqué states: "Normal activity of contact units..."

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CLOSURE OF HONG KONG PORT

NO CAUSE FOR FURTHER ALARM

The re-opening of the Port of Hong Kong late yesterday afternoon can be taken as an indication that the naval authorities are satisfied that there is no further cause for alarm, the "China Mail" was informed by the naval spokesman this morning.

Rumours grew thick and fast when the harbour was closed in the forenoon yesterday, but began to die a natural death when in the evening the port was re-opened.

"Everything is now normal," the naval spokesman told the "China Mail" in an interview this morning. The rumours circulated in connection with the closing of the harbour were unfounded, he said.

He emphasized that the closing was in connection with an ordinary alarm such as can be expected under war-time conditions. Normal precautions during such an alarm require the port to be closed, and this was done while the cause for the alarm was being investigated.

Following a complete investigation, the naval authorities were satisfied that conditions were normal, and no further statement will be made.

PALESTINE SITUATION IMPROVING

London, To-day.

The latest authoritative advices from London show that security of conditions in Palestine have continued to improve during the month of December.

There has been a steady increase in the recovery of arms both by seizure and surrender particularly in areas where collection was formerly difficult.

Despite the fact that there remains some propaganda on pro-Mufti lines the relations between the people and the Government are still more cordial.

A tendency for better relations between the Arabs and the Jews is apparent especially in the Tel-a-Viv area.

Recruiting for the Auxiliary Pioneer Corps is making good progress. — Reuter.

DEATH OF L.R. CARREL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. L. R. Carrel, 55-year-old Coast Inspector of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who died here on Monday morning, is survived by his wife and daughter, both living here, and three sons, L. G. Carrel, junior, Customs Officer in Kuala Lumpur, P. Carrel, member of the British Judicial staff in Zanzibar, and Ian Carrel, studying at Oxford.

He joined the Chinese Customs in 1909. Cremation will take place tomorrow. — Havas.

London, To-day.
GERMAN FIGHTER PLANES are now tackling British bombers planes in overwhelming numbers, and two out of three R.A.F. machines which found themselves attacked by Messerschmidts yesterday failed to return home.

It is believed that three of 12 Messerschmidt fighters were shot down in the course of the combat which occurred over the North Sea.

MOSCOW WANTS NAZI EXPERTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "POLITIKEN" REPORTS THAT STALIN HAS ASKED THE REICH TO SEND RUSSIA SEVERAL THOUSAND SPECIALIZED ENGINEERS AND EXPERTS TO ORGANISE SEVERAL BRANCHES OF SOVIET ECONOMY ESPECIALLY TRANSPORTATION.

This decision is allegedly due to revelations of inefficiency and lack of organisation of the Soviet railways in connection with the Finnish campaign.

It is not yet known whether Germany will be able to spare an important number of technicians although it is generally opined that the Reich is prepared to make important sacrifices with the view to securing Soviet raw material supplies. — Havas.

REMEMBER THE PURGE?

London, To-day.

"If Stalin receives technical reinforcements from Germany to help him in the war with Finland it will not be the first time the Red Army has been stiffened with German military instructors," says Reuter's military correspondent.

"In the pre-Hitler decade thousands of German professional officers and non-commissioned officers were employed with the Soviet armies but Hitler recalled them when he rose to power.

"The purge of 1937 when Stalin removed or executed many of his own officers arose directly from the influence exercised on their outlook by German training." — Reuter.

CHINESE INITIATIVE AT NANNING

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese reports, received here from the Nanning front, say that the fighting in that area is at present confined to Chinese attempts to seize three strongly-fortified positions north-east of Nanning, in the vicinity of Kunlungwan Pass.

The Chinese have not been able to dislodge the Japanese from machine-gun nests guarding the Pass. — Reuter.

GERMAN STEAMER BADLY DAMAGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

The 8,000-ton German steamer "Johann Schute" was badly damaged by a mine off the Norwegian coast near Rossvick. The crew of 36 and two Norwegian pilots were landed at Trondheim. — Havas.

The story of the battle, which was fought close to the German coast, and involved 12 German planes against three British, is told by the Air Ministry in an official bulletin.

"There has been extensive air activity over the North Sea, and, in the neighbourhood of the German coast during the afternoon, a formation of three R.A.F. bombers encountered a squadron of Messerschmidt long-range fighters well out at sea.

The British formation, although hopelessly outnumbered, gave battle to the enemy, and one Messerschmidt fighter was shot down in flames and two others were driven down and are likely to have been lost.

One of the three bombers returned to its base safely. A second was shot down during the encounter. The third is missing. — Reuter.

EIGHT JAP. BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Chungking, To-day.

Eight Japanese pursuit planes were shot down by Chinese fighter planes in an aerial battle above Liuchow, Kwangsi, on Saturday afternoon, according to Chinese reports received here.

It is stated that 18 Japanese pursuit aircraft of the "96-type" reached Liuchow in the afternoon. Chinese fighters took off from different air fields in the vicinity and attacked the raiders from all directions.

In the course of a very severe battle lasting for 15 minutes, it is claimed that the Chinese shot down eight Japanese machines. — Reuter.

JAPANESE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Attempts are being made by Japanese aircraft to sever communications between Liuchow and the coast to prevent reinforcements and war supplies reaching the Chinese troops fighting in the Nanning region.

During the last few days, several squadrons of Japanese planes took off from Waichow Island and Hainan and bombed supply routes between Liuchow and Nanning and Kweilin.

The situation north, north-east and west of Nanning is unchanged. Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Hammond, of No. 4, Tak Shing Street, was robbed of her handbag containing \$45 when walking in front of the Alhambra Theatre yesterday afternoon.

CSAKY GOING ON "HOLIDAY"

Bucharest, To-day.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, is leaving shortly for Italy where he will spend, it is stated, "ten days' holiday." — Havas.

ROOSEVELT SPEECH TO CONGRESS

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt's annual message at the opening of Congress to-day is expected to be devoted primarily to the need for stronger defences in view of world conditions.

It is believed the President may also ask for greater national unity and less partisanship in order that America may present a united front in world peace efforts.

No startling innovations in legislation are expected, but a major battle looms over the continuance of the Administration's reciprocal trade programme which is due to expire on July 12, while few, if any, alterations are contemplated in the Neutrality Act, unless special legislation regarding Japan is sought. — Reuter.

NATIVES OFFER AID TO EMPIRE

London, To-day.

The anxiety of native peoples to participate in the defence of South Africa was expressed at a recent meeting in Pretoria of the Natives' Representative Council, the most important organ of native opinion in the Union.

During the meeting, one delegate summed up the position as follows: "Since the war broke out, every African organisation that has held a meeting has expressed its unswerving devotion to the King and to his Government in the Union. An account has recently appeared in the Press of how the native employees of a big concern in the Transvaal have started a fund to buy a warship for Britain and this I am convinced is typical of what the native people throughout the Union are feeling." — British Wireless.

CONTROL PERMITS NO LONGER NEEDED

The Acting Consul for Ecuador has received a telegram from the Minister of Foreign Relations at Guayaquil advising that, as from 1st. January, 1940, shipments to Ecuador will not require a Control Permit.

Mr. A. F. Knudsen, residing in room No. 508, Kowloon Hotel, has reported the loss of a suit case from the hall of the hotel.

Crack Red Army Units Now Facing Mannerheim Line

TURKISH FLOOD TRAGEDY

Ankara, To-day.
Hundreds of lives continue to be lost as floods sweep over the earthquake stricken areas of Anatolia.

To-day, the whole of Western Anatolia is under swirling flood waters, and it is now stated that the flood toll figures are even worse than was at first expected. —Reuter.

ATHENIA'S OFFICERS HONoured

London, To-day.

Barnett Mackenzie Copeland, Chief Officer of the Athenia, and William Harvey, boatswain, have been awarded the O.B.E. and Meritorious Service Medal respectively for their services when the liner was torpedoed by a submarine on September 4, 1939.

The official account states that Copeland was responsible for loading and getting away 28 boats of survivors and the fact that this was done in darkness without a hitch or loss reflects great credit on his powers of organisation and command.

After being taken on board a warship, Copeland returned to the sinking liner to rescue an unconscious woman left in the sick-bay.

Harvey showed outstanding coolness and efficiency. He accompanied Copeland in returning to the Athenia to save the woman in the sick-bay. —Reuter.

H.K.'S NEXT MATRIC.

The next Matriculation Examination of the University of Hong Kong will commence on Monday, 3rd June, 1940. Entries together with the examination fee must be delivered to the Registrar on or before the 1st February, 1940.

The following scholarships will be awarded on the results:—(1) Government Scholarships. A limited number of Hong Kong Government Scholarships tenable in the Faculties of Arts and Science, are open to candidates from Hong Kong Schools.

(2) Three King Edward VII Scholarships of the value of £40 per annum, open to British Subjects only.

MORE SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS

Stockholm, To-day.

Another battalion of Swedish volunteers left for Finland last night.

Now that the New Year holidays are over, it is expected that the transport of Swedish volunteers will be considerably accelerated, in order that the armies opposing the Soviets may get in a telling blow before the Spring thaw sets in. —Reuter.

GENERAL STERN STILL DELAYS BIG PUSH

Viborg, To-day.

REUTER'S SPECIAL correspondent who has just returned from a visit to the neighbourhood of Vuoksi, on the eastern side of the Karelian Isthmus, confirms that crack regiments from Central Russia are now in the Soviet front lines facing the Mannerheim Line.

These really first-class troops are well clothed and are equipped with up-to-date gas-masks on the German model. —Reuter.

FIERCE LOCAL FIGHTING

Helsinki, To-day.

The latest military despatches show that while fierce local fighting continues, no co-ordinated Soviet offensive has yet been launched against the Mannerheim Line.

Russian prisoners say that part of the huge reserves recently brought up have been thrown into battle on this front.

This appears to be confirmed by the fact that many of the men killed or taken prisoner are much younger and better clad and equipped than hitherto.

On the Petsamo Front, the temperature of "40 below zero" has almost completely paralysed operations. The Russians show no inclination to make a fresh attempt to advance to the Gulf of Bothnia down the great Arctic Highway, which has been extensively mined by the Finns. —Reuter.

SHARP SKIRMISHES OF OUTPOSTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The Red Army's offensive in the southern sector of the Mannerheim Line, advertised by a terrific artillery barrage that has been going on for days, has yet to develop.

Sharp skirmishes have occurred between outposts, which are becoming increasingly active, the tactics of the Soviets suggesting that they are feeling their way cautiously after their recent disastrous experiences, seeking to discover weak points in the Finnish defence lines and the effects of the bombardment.

Hitherto, all raiding parties have been driven off without penetrating the Finnish defence system at any point.

STRENGTHENING LINE

Neutral correspondents state that the bombardment has had little important effect on the Finnish defences.

In the meantime, no chances are being taken and the depth of the line is being substantially increased at the southern end of the Line, with the use of miles of barbed wire, strong posts and anti-tank traps.

A whole Soviet division is reported to have been trapped near Suomela and practically annihilated. Those who were not killed or wounded, surrendered. —Havas.

RUSSIANS REPULSED

Helsinki, To-day.

An official communique states that while the day was relatively quiet on the Karelian Isthmus, fighting occurred at several points north of Lake Ladoga, where the Finnish troops are improving their position.

The communique adds that in the direction of Lake Lavenjoki, the Russians attacked all day but were repulsed.

FOREIGN PLANES OVER BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

Foreign aircraft flew over Belgium yesterday, drawing the fire of Belgium's anti-aircraft guns.

Fighting planes were also sent up to intercept the intruders.

It is believed that the planes were German, but official confirmation is lacking. —Reuter.

NAZI BOAST OF SINKING NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

The German boast that over a million tons of Allied and neutral shipping has been sunk is the usual exaggeration.

The average weekly loss of British tonnage during the 16 weeks of the war has been 25,500, while the average weekly increment by new construction and otherwise is 25,000.

The total losses to the end of the year were as follows: 17 naval vessels, including eight warships, with a total displacement of 58,120 tons, nine chartered vessels, namely, the Rawalpindi and eight trawlers and drifters to the total of 19,000 gross tonnage.

One hundred and seventeen British, twelve allied and 81 Neutral merchantships, with a gross tonnage, respectively, of 41,404, 70,101 and 243,222 have been lost.

It is misleading to add the gross and the displacement tonnage.

Neutrals will doubtless note the German boast of the destruction of defenceless neutral merchant vessels. —Reuter.

The battleship "October Revolution," which was recently damaged by coast defence guns, has been temporarily repaired, and bombarded Koivisto Forts, with little result, while aircraft bombed Abo and Oulu.

Some civilians were killed and some material damage was caused to both towns.

Seven Soviet planes were shot down during the day. —Reuter.

AN EXCITING CLASH

Helsinki, To-day.

In an attack in one sector yesterday, the exact location of which is not given, Soviet troops actually managed to get through to a Finnish staff headquarters.

The Finnish staff officers and their assistants, it is reported, beat off the attack with heavy losses to the Soviets.

The colonel in charge has been decorated with the Finnish War Cross. —Reuter.

Three junk masters were fined \$250 by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, for possession of kerosene on board at other than a dangerous goods anchorage. The kerosene was ordered to be confiscated.

HITLER AND IL DUCE IN AN INTERESTING EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

Berlin, To-day.

HITLER AND MUSSOLINI exchanged New Year's greetings according to the official German News Agency.

Hitler telephoned: On the occasion of the New Year I express my heartiest congratulations to you Duce in sincere friendship. Under your strong and tried leadership may Fascist Italy, allied to National Socialist Germany succeed in fulfilling its national tasks."

Mussolini replied: "I reciprocate in the same brotherly cordiality the congratulations you expressed to me at the turn of the year."

"I express the same wishes for National Socialist Germany as you expressed to me for Fascist Italy, namely, that our united peoples may succeed in gaining their aims and securing their future."

Hitler also exchanged greetings with the King and Crown Prince of Italy, and the Kings of Bulgaria, Rumania, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, and the Regent of Yugoslavia, Hungary, General Franco, the Shah of Iran, the King of Afghanistan and with Yemen, Siam, Slovakia, the Czech State and ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. —Reuter.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS CONFER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. C. E. Gauss, the American Consul-General in Shanghai, has returned from a visit to the Philippines, where he is said to have held unofficial talks on the Far Eastern policy of the United States with Mr. Sagre, the High Commissioner, and Admiral Hart. —Havas.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

HOW TO AVOID A MONOLOGUE

At this writing, following a succession of beautiful lulls on the Western Front, an excellent response to the inevitable question, "Well, what do you think of the war?" is "What war?" This counter question so confuses the questioner that he forgets to tell you what he thinks about the war.—"The Oregonian", Portland.

SOME NAZIS CAN READ

Henceforth we will not be allowed to report the arrival or departure of any ships of the Allied countries at United States ports—although the American Press is featuring such news. Some of the New York papers print nearly a page about the arrival of large and important British liners. The theory is that Nazi agents in Canada are able to read while those in the United States are not.—"Kingston Whig Standard."

THE WIDENING WAR

Mr. Churchill recently depicted the left paw of the Russian bear as barring Germany from the Black Sea, while the right disputed with her the control of the Baltic. It is, no doubt, largely in furtherance of that disputation with Nazidom that Finland is being so cruelly mauled; but neither the Allies nor the Scandinavian and Balkan neutrals can be certain that the Soviet, in reducing the Finns to vassalage, aims solely at the protection of its own exposed frontiers. That motive may explain, though it cannot excuse, an act of aggression as cynical and wicked as any that Hitlerism has perpetrated. The very pattern of Nazi brutality is reproduced in Stalin's attack on Finland, which has excited world-wide anger and revulsion.—Sydney "Morning Herald."

AIR WAR ON LAND

The great aerial bombardments of cities, which were anticipated as a curtain-raiser on the first night of the war, have not yet begun. That is no reason, of course, why they should not be tried out by the enemy at his convenience — and indeed the hint has been given that they are in preparation, for the German radio and newspapers are busily developing the theme that it is as legitimate to kill civilians by bombs as to starve them by blockade.

That particular argument would be more convincing had it not been tried in the last war. On that occasion the British authorities hinted that it might possibly relax the blockade of food-stuffs, though not of raw materials; to which Germany replied that she had plenty of food, and was interested in raw materials. Her civilians, in short, must take what they can get and be thankful; their shortage is simply diplomatic fodder.

In any event, the British public will stand up to whatever may be in store for it. Air attacks on defenceless cities produce terrible results in Poland, precisely because they were

defenceless. The last two months have not been neglected on the home front, and whatever betides, the enemy will have a warm reception.—United Empire.

THE NEUTRALITY OF EIRE

The circumstances of the neutrality of Eire, while unpalatable to some people, may work to certain advantage for the British. Irish territory only a few hours away from Britain offers a not unfriendly haven for cripples and children, if England should be subject to serious attack. It offers neutral bases for merchant ships and transatlantic flying boats. It may provide valuable food supplies. These things may mean much in the day of conflict. It is possible that a new understanding such as those two peoples have never known may develop between the Southern Irish and the English.—"Regina Leader-Post."

FEDERATION IS DEAD

The major fact that emerges from Lord Linlithgow's speech to the Central Legislature is that the preparations for the inauguration of the Federal Scheme, embodied in the Constitution Act, are to be postponed indefinitely. The Viceroy explains that this decision is due to the need for concentrating attention on winning the War. But though he speaks of taking up the thread of activities in this sphere again in happier times, it is best for the Government to face the fact that there can be no question of beginning again where we left off after the shattering experiences of a war of such dimensions as the Commonwealth is engaged in. Now that the Federal Scheme no longer cumbars the ground, the Government should realize what a splendid opportunity the moment presents for undoing the mistakes of the past, and authorize the Crown's representative to get into touch with accredited Indian leaders with a view to hammering out an agreement that can solve our immediate difficulties and open the way for a definitive settlement.—"The Hindu."

FEAR OF REPRISALS

One of the main reasons why air-raids have not been made upon British and French cities and towns is because Herr Hitler knows full well that he has only to start that sort of thing to invite immediate reprisals from the Allied forces. Mr. Chamberlain has made it quite clear that within the limits of ordinary decency blow for blow shall be struck with the Nazis, and the first occasion German

MUST PERISH BY THE SWORD

What can we say about a thing like this? This is the second time I have been through this, and we are confident this time that the result will be the same. It must be the same or we would perish. This time it is a fight to a finish. Those who like the sword must perish by the sword.—Mr. W. M. Hughes.

aeroplanes bomb Britain, other than well-recognised military objectives, will bring retaliation in its train. For the reduction of Warsaw to the shambles it eventually became there was not the slightest excuse, for all the evidence points to the fact that the city was indiscriminately bombed in order to strike terror into the masses. Poland was unable to hit back. The Allies can and will, and they have shown that no fear of the air weapon existed when they insisted upon the restoration of Poland as a preliminary to their withholding their hand against Germany.—"North China Daily News."

Potted-Best-Seller Serial: Fourth Day

THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

By R. C. SHERRIFF

Author Of "Journey's End"

A story telling how the world faced calamity when the moon fell—written by one of the last Englishmen alive. . . .

FOREWORD

(From the Imperial Research Press, Addis Ababa)

THE MOON, swinging out of its orbit, approached the earth. Mankind took to specially built dugouts, but Edgar Hopkins, who wrote this diary, feared the tunnels more than the cataclysm that was coming. He decided to face the end in his own small home.

HOW can I describe the last incredible week in Beadle without giving the impression that the whole lot of us were as mad as March hares?

But nothing in that strange week compared with its extraordinary ending upon the Saturday night. It was our last Saturday—the great cataclysm fell due on Monday.

I had been down to the village to settle one or two small outstanding accounts in order to face Monday with a clear conscience, and as I passed the village hall I saw a small crowd reading a poster.

NOTICE

To-night at 9 p.m.!

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After dinner I sat in my garden and waited for the moon to rise.

The breathless glory of that rising moon robbed all terror from it and left me humbled and speechless. Its vast glare caught the hills beyond the Manor House and crept down to drink the jet-black darkness of the valley—flowed over the church and onwards to the cricket ground, emblazoning that shabby marquee and the threadbare bowling screens into a Field of the Cloth of Gold.

A thrush began to sing in the arbour above my head, and beneath me, in the winding lanes, I could see the village people, upon their way to the cricket match—clusters of pale faces staring upwards—motionless and speechless.

All the way to the village the birds sang in chorus as birds only can upon a dawn in May: I think the singing of those birds in the moonlight was the strangest sound that I had ever heard.

As I entered the gates to the cricket ground I was surprised at the uncanny stillness. I had to glance around before I could believe that the village was assembled here.

I saw a tall man climb the stile behind the trees: I saw that a girl was with him, a girl in grey skirt and white pullover, and I was glad that I had come. Colonel Parker and Pat were home again. I waved to them and they crossed the field to share a seat with me.

As I took Pat's hand I thought that her face was pale, even in the golden light of the moon, and Colonel Parker's voice was quiet and grave as he spoke to me.

"There was a radio message—just as we left," said the Colonel, "there's been some kind of a hurricane—following the moon as it waned over Russia and America—they didn't say much—just warned people to the dugouts."

"We must tell them," I cried. There was something horrible in the deathly calm surrounding us: in those twittering birds and silent, floodlit trees.

"No!" said the Colonel—and there was a sharp command in his quiet voice that I had never heard before. Leave them! If it's a . . . hurricane then it's safer in the open. If they go to that dugout they won't return to it when they need it most—on Monday night."

* * *

I did not understand his meaning, but I think that he visualised a horror in that sealed dugout that must at all costs be kept until the end. . . .

Pat gave a little laugh beside me. "There's Robin!" she said.

I looked across the cricket field. There was Robin, with Charlie Hurst, our village captain, walking across the field to open the innings.

It is incredible that we were able to concentrate upon that eerie cricket match, but despite everything I found myself held by the fascination of it. The village, unaware of the radio warning and growing more accustomed to their surroundings, warmed up with a cheer when Charlie banged the first ball high over the bowler's head to land with a resounding whack against the bowling screen.

It was nearly eleven when the first innings closed, and everybody gathered around the marquee for cakes and coffee. I saw Colonel Parker talking earnestly with the vicar beside the pavilion at a little distance from the crowd. What decision they had made I shall never know: whether they were going to cancel the game and advise the people to go to the dugout. For as they approached the marquee the hurricane was upon us.

I call it a hurricane for want of a better word: it was the strangest disturbance that I had ever experienced. It began with the long-drawn murmur of distant thunder, but the murmur did not die as the murmur of thunder dies.

With awful swiftness it grew to a roar that passed over the valley like a mighty river in flood—a river through which a hundred express trains ploughed, and as its volume grew it became a long-drawn howl of pain. Swiftly the moon's brilliance faded. It became the colour of an old brown boot as the dusts of the Russian steppes and the dusts of the plains of America streamed overhead in a vast cascade towards the west—towards the Atlantic and towards the deserts whence they came.

Every peg upon one side of the marquee was wrenched from the ground, and for a moment it was like a giantess standing grotesquely upon her head with skirts flying upwards. I only saw it for a second because suddenly the hurricane seemed to rise from the very pores of the earth; I felt my trouser legs billow out and rise upwards: I found myself overwhelmed in stuffy darkness as my coat flapped around my face like an umbrella inside-out.

There was a woman's shriek: a crash of coffee-cups—and through the tur-



"The wind came in a shrieking torrent . . . Something struck with a mighty crash against the house . . . the great elms went down like corn. . . ."

moil came the voice of Sapper Evans: "Get down!—lie down!"

In a body we flung ourselves upon the smooth turf of the meadow, clawing our fingers for absurd protection around the tufts of grass.

And then it was over—as suddenly as it had begun. With a tired sigh the

murmur died away: the light of the moon flowed back to us—a golden, waning light. I rose to my feet and pulled down the legs of my trousers.

A ripple of nervous laughter came—a woman, crying quietly, began to gather up the broken cups. The marquee hung forlorn and lopsided from a couple of slanting poles, and in the far corner of the field the chairs were heaped like driven, autumn leaves.

There was a tired smile in Pat's brave eyes as I said "goodnight" to her beside the cricket pavilion. Robin was upon his knees beside his cricket

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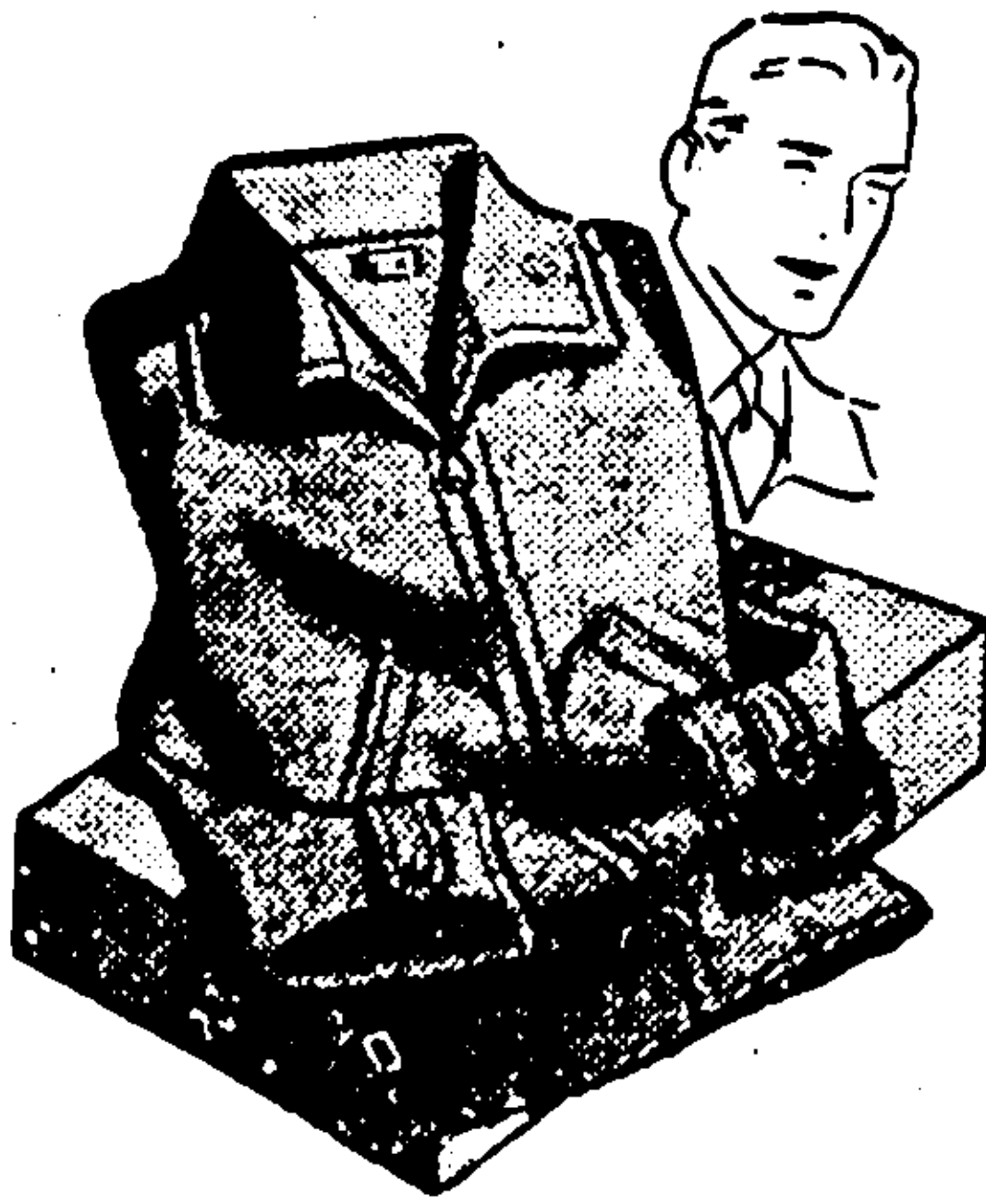
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S. AFRICANS RALLY TO COLOURS

London, To-day.

A survey of military preparations in South Africa made officially in the Union, states that the Union's new citizen army is making remarkable progress.

Reports from town and country in all quarters of South Africa reflect the enthusiasm with which volunteers are coming forward.

A single example is the Botha Regiment which had risen from a peace time strength of 400 to a war-time strength of over 900 and the formation of another battalion of this regiment is in progress.

New units are also being formed in such typically rural areas as Messian, Barberton and Vereeniging.

A spirit of cordial co-operation dominates all activities, the survey continues and any sectional differences have been set aside.

Everywhere the fact is appreciated that all are South Africans and complete unity is expressed in the common cause. The survey points out that the lie is given to Nazi propagandist insinuations that discrimination against Afrikaans-speaking members of the defence force obtains by the fact that by far the larger number of senior officers permanently serving in South Africa's Army are men bearing Afrikaans names, and they, like officers bearing English names, are bilingual. — British Wireless.

ROBBERY FROM A SAFE

Chan Fat, 21, was before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with stealing 28 pieces of jewellery, \$637.57 in Hong Kong money, and \$740 in Chinese currency from No. 2, Kwan Yick Street on November 6.

Detective Sergeant R. Mcvey said that defendant was employed as a cook. Complainant lost the key to his safe a few days before defendant's disappearance. The theft was discovered when the safe was opened. The jewellery was valued at about \$2,000 and had not been recovered.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour for the theft, and another nine months in lieu of payment as compensation.

BURGLAR AT FELIX VILLAS

The home of Mr. E. P. Minett, at No. 17, Felix Villas, was entered early this morning, and a camera and money to the value of \$654 stolen.

Mrs. Sedgevich, of Felix Villas, reported the theft of jewellery, money and clothing valued at \$237, at the same time.

We have received a pocket diary and calendar for 1940 from the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

INCIDENT IN INTERNMENT CAMP

YIP KWAI, 43-YEAR-OLD CHINESE INTERNED SOLDIER AT THE NEW CAMP IN ARGYLE STREET, RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOUR WHEN FOUND GUILTY BY MR. E. HIMS-WORTH THIS MORNING OF ASSAULTING DR. TAI, CAMP MEDICAL OFFICER, AND OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

At 5.30 p.m. on New Year's Day, Yip Kwai seized hold of Dr. Tai as he was leaving the medical hut, and shouted and swore at him. He also threw a stone at him, but did not hit him.

Defendant said he had not had sufficient blankets. He had frequently approached Dr. Tai but Dr. Tai ignored him. He asked him again on New Year's Day and lost his temper when his request was refused.

Inspector Rodgers said that every internee had sufficient blankets. There was no cause for complaint. The camp authorities took a serious view of Yip's actions, in view of the large number of men in the camp. His offence, if not dealt with severely, might lead to repetition by other men in the camp.

TRIBUTE TO NORWEGIAN SEAMEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Oslo, To-day.

In a stirring radio-address to all Norwegians abroad, Crown Prince Olav yesterday paid a tribute to the courage of Norwegian seamen who are carrying on their country's foreign trade despite all danger of submarine warfare.

All Norwegians, he said, must be prepared for many sacrifices to defend the liberty and independence of Norway. — Havas.

SWEDISH SHIP LOST

London, To-day.

A Swedish ship of 1,900 tons has hit a mine and sunk.

The accident happened a few days ago, but reports of the disaster were not forthcoming until last night. Most of her crew were rescued by a Norwegian ship which happened to be in the vicinity. — Reuter.

NO AMBITION

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has denied in a press interview that he has any personal ambition to become the next President of the United States.

His denial was in connection with a rumour that President Roosevelt has chosen him as his successor.

The forthcoming session of Congress is expected to provide a sounding-board for presidential candidates. — Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



EVIDENCE ON THE IDENTITY OF A PLAINTIFF

EVIDENCE THAT CHAN KWOK-NIN, THE THIRD PLAINTIFF AND CHAN CHUNG-WAH WERE TWO DIFFERENT PERSONS, WAS GIVEN AT THE SUPREME COURT BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, THIS MORNING WHEN HEARING OF THE ALLEGED FORGED MORTGAGE CASE WAS RESUMED.

The property at issue is in Des Voeux Road Central and Wing Lok Street, and plaintiffs are Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nin. As co-owners, they declare that without their consent and knowledge, the property was mortgaged. They are asking for a declaration that the signatures to the mortgages were forgeries and that the mortgages are null and void.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Elden Potter, K.C., and Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. C. d'Almada, e. Castro, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, represent the defendant, Mr. Fung Kai-sun, against whom the action has been brought.

Yung Pak-tit, accountant of the Yau Yue Bank, and exchange broker, said that he had known third plaintiff for over 20 years as Chan Kwok-nin. He never heard plaintiff referred to as Chan Chung-wah. He knew Chan Chung-wah and had seen both together at the same time.

In reply to Mr. Sheldon, he denied that Chan Kwok-nin and Chan Chung-wah were the same person.

FURTHER EVIDENCE

Lee King, manager of the Li Kau Sang Company, said he had known the third plaintiff since 1933. He was introduced by Chan Chung-wah, and sold to plaintiff a quantity of sugar cane. He had been to the house of Chan Kwok-nin and had seen Chan Chung-wah there. He last saw Chan Chung-wah at the end of the Chinese New Year.

He, too, in reply, to Mr. Sheldon, denied that Chan Kwok-nin and Chan Chung-wah were the same person.

Wong Ping-hung, brother-in-law of third plaintiff, said he had known the family for over 30 years. Kwok-nin was also referred to as Kin-Lap and another brother, Chan Kwok Yui, as Chan Chung-wah. He last saw Chan Chung-wah in May.

Chan Kwok-nin and Chan Chung-wah were different persons, he said in reply to Mr. Sheldon.

HANDWRITING EVIDENCE

The next witness was Au Tai-yau, a hand-writing expert, who said he had been Chancellor of the Kwangtung Institute of Law. He had studied calligraphy and was often engaged for the writing of special scrolls. He had taught penmanship to more than 1,000 students and had ample opportunity of studying different handwritings.

Shown signatures of the first plaintiff on the retaining form, on receipts given in the country and the specimen written in Court, he said they were all the same. Shown the mortgage and the other deeds in dispute, he said that they were not in the same handwriting.

The case is proceeding.

MOSCOW AND THE QUAKE

Ankara, To-day.

Moscow's attitude towards the Turkish earthquake and flood disaster is the subject of comment in semi-official circles in Ankara.

It is pointed out that, in direct opposition to the attitude of Britain and France, Soviet Russia has sent neither condolences nor offers of help. —Reuter.

Humidity in the Colony at 10 a.m. this morning was as low as 28 per cent.

CHINESE TRYING TO STEM ADVANCE

Chungking, To-day.

Following the arrival of Chinese reinforcements, it is thought here that the Japanese advance along the Canton-Hankow railway north of Canton may be stemmed.

The Japanese attack appears to have been well-timed and launched when the Chinese were re-organising their lines.

This enabled the Japanese to the east of the railway to advance northward in an attempt to outflank the Chinese troops holding the railway at Yingtak, and to threaten Shuikwan from the south-east.

With the arrival of reinforcements, it is believed that the Chinese will be able to fill the gaps in their line south-east of Shuikwan.

High Chinese commanders are personally directing operations at the front in an effort to halt the Japanese advance northwards along the railway. — Reuter.

DETERMINED DRIVE

Chungking, To-day.

Arrivals here by aeroplane from Shuikwan, strategic city on the Canton-Hankow railway near the Hunan/Kwangtung border, report that the Japanese forces north of Canton, are making a determined drive northwards along the railway.

While a Japanese column along the railway is engaging Chinese troops in the vicinity of Yingtak, it is stated that Japanese forces east of the railway are trying to reach Shuikwan by breaking through the Chinese left wing. — Reuter.

Mr. G. A. Goodban, headmaster of the D.B.S., has reported the theft of iron gratings from the school building yesterday.

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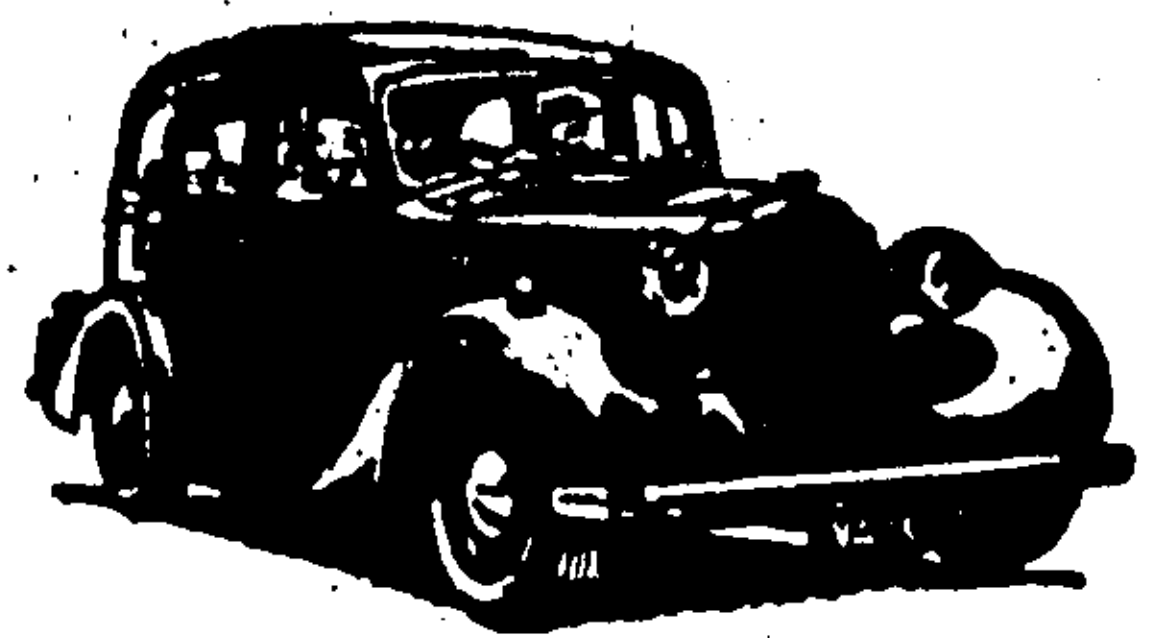
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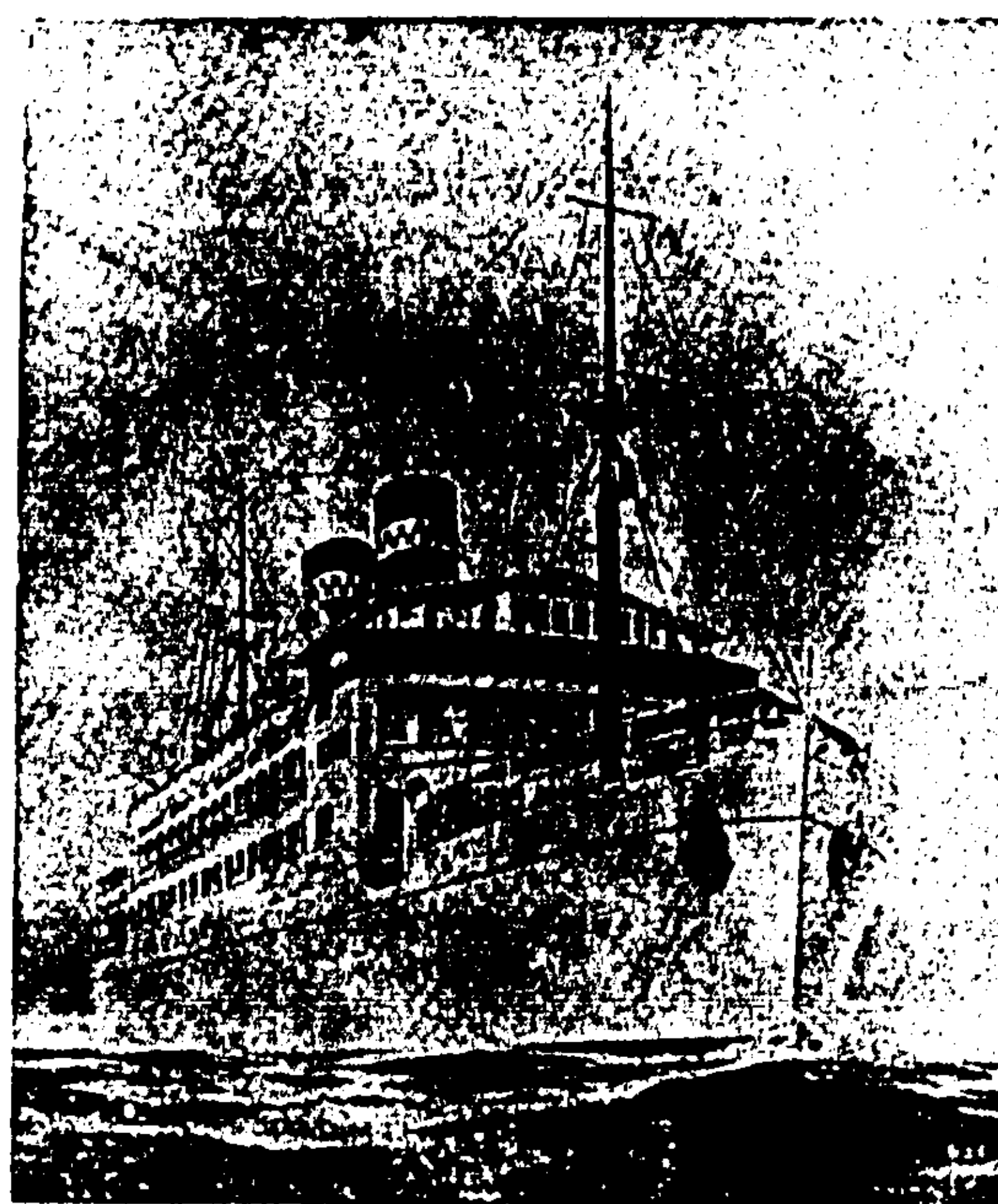
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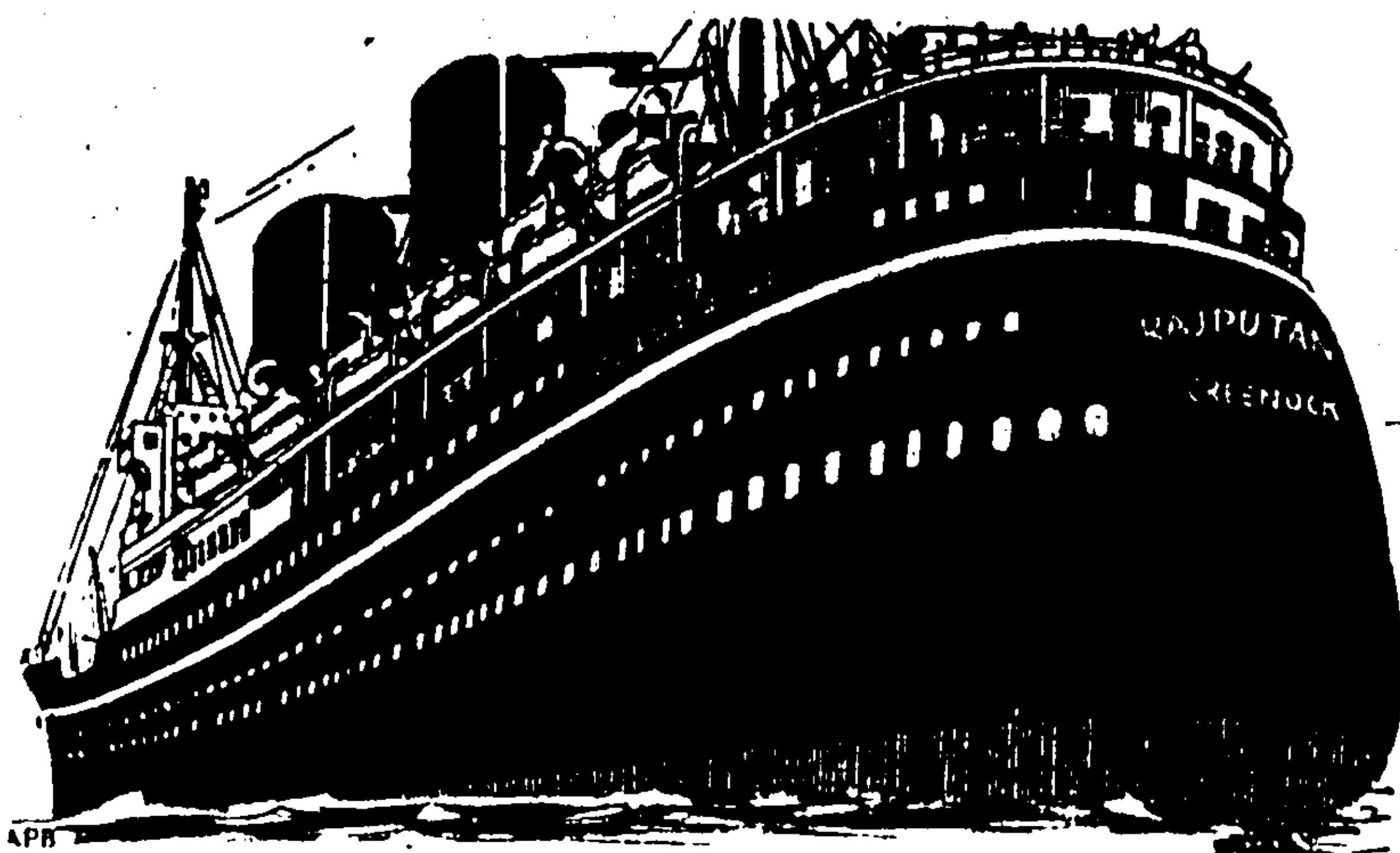
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Calcutta and Straits	January 5.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 15th December 1939)	January 6.
Straits and Saigon	January 6.
Rabaul and Manila	January 6.
Canton	January 6.
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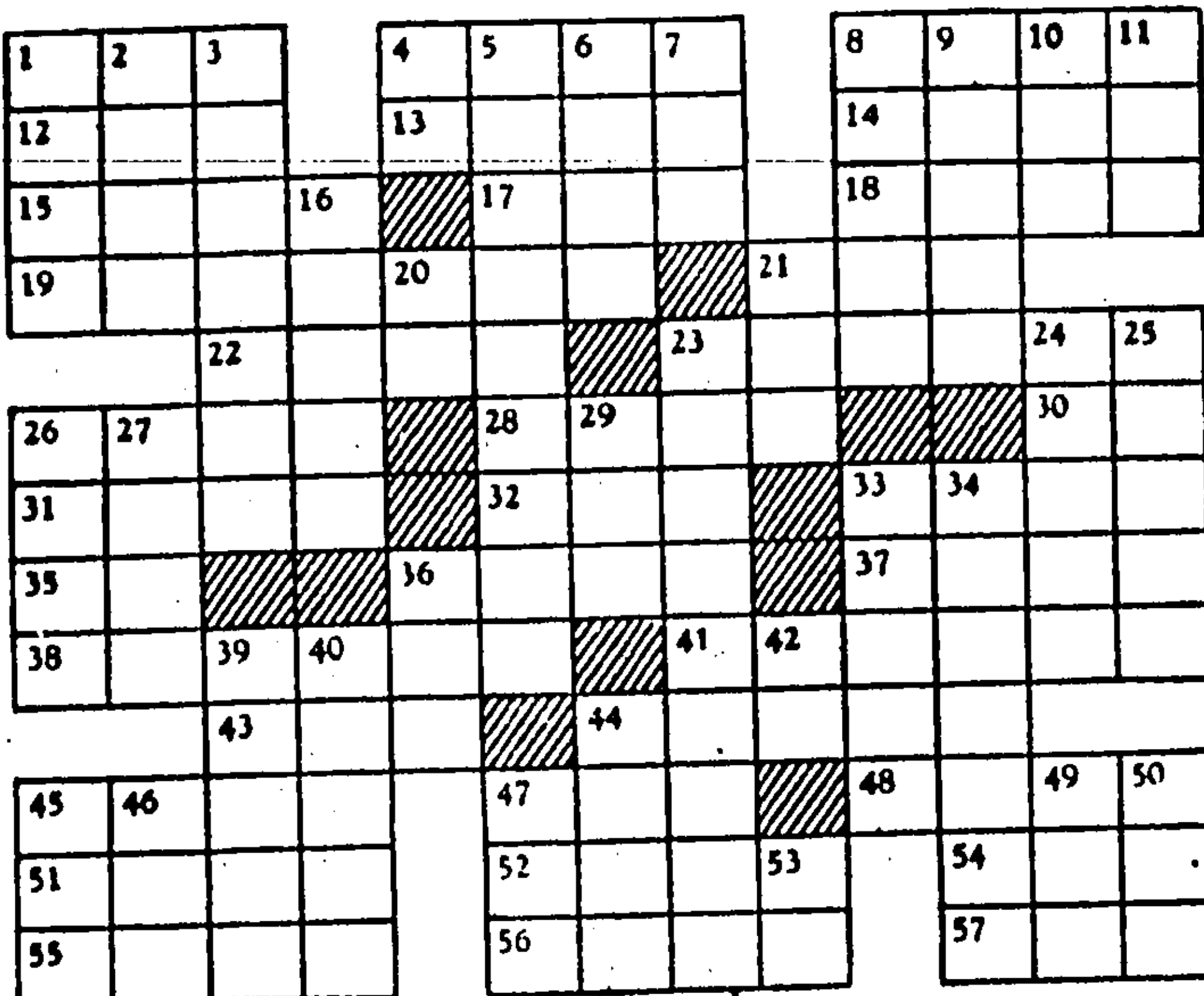
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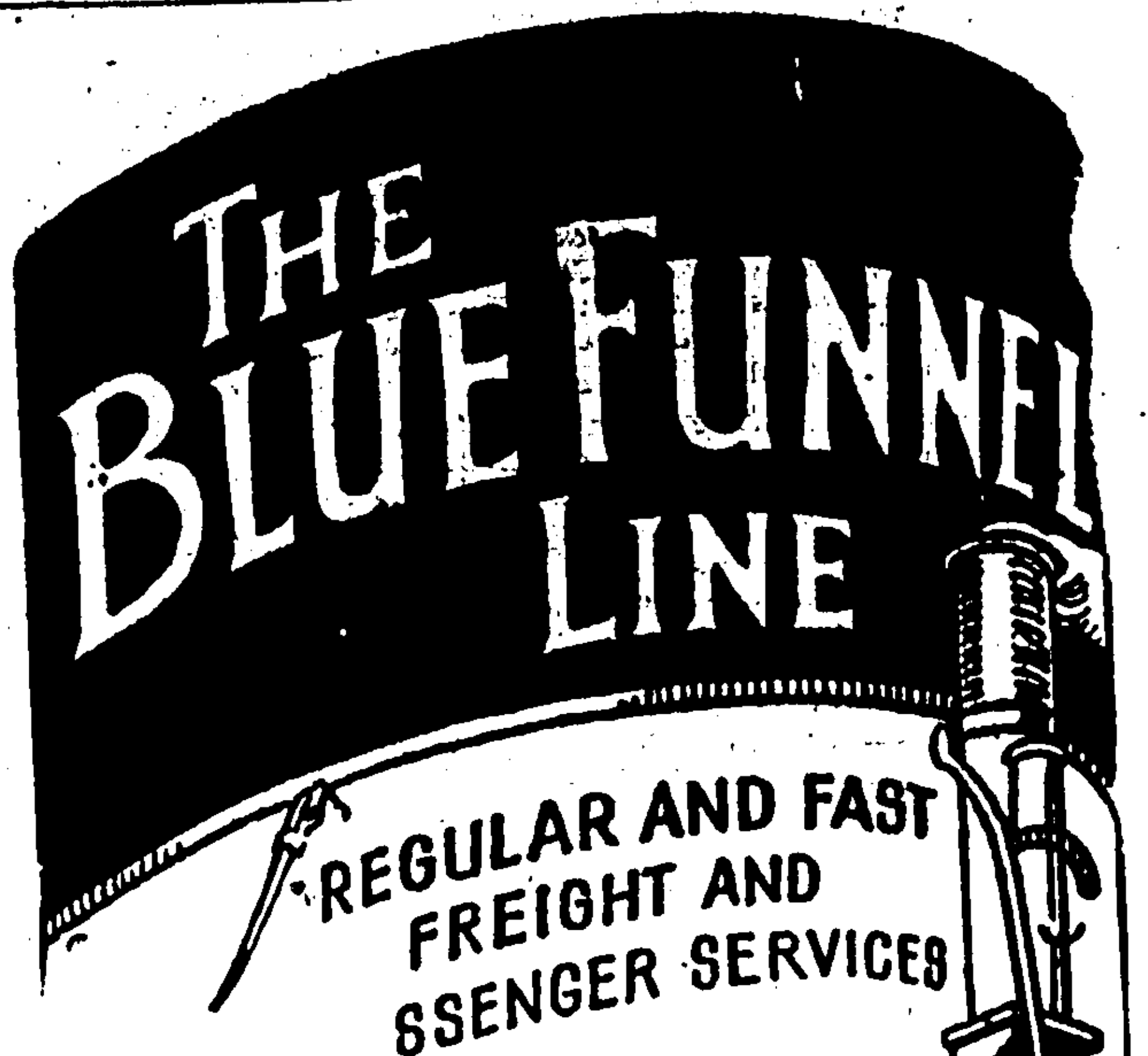
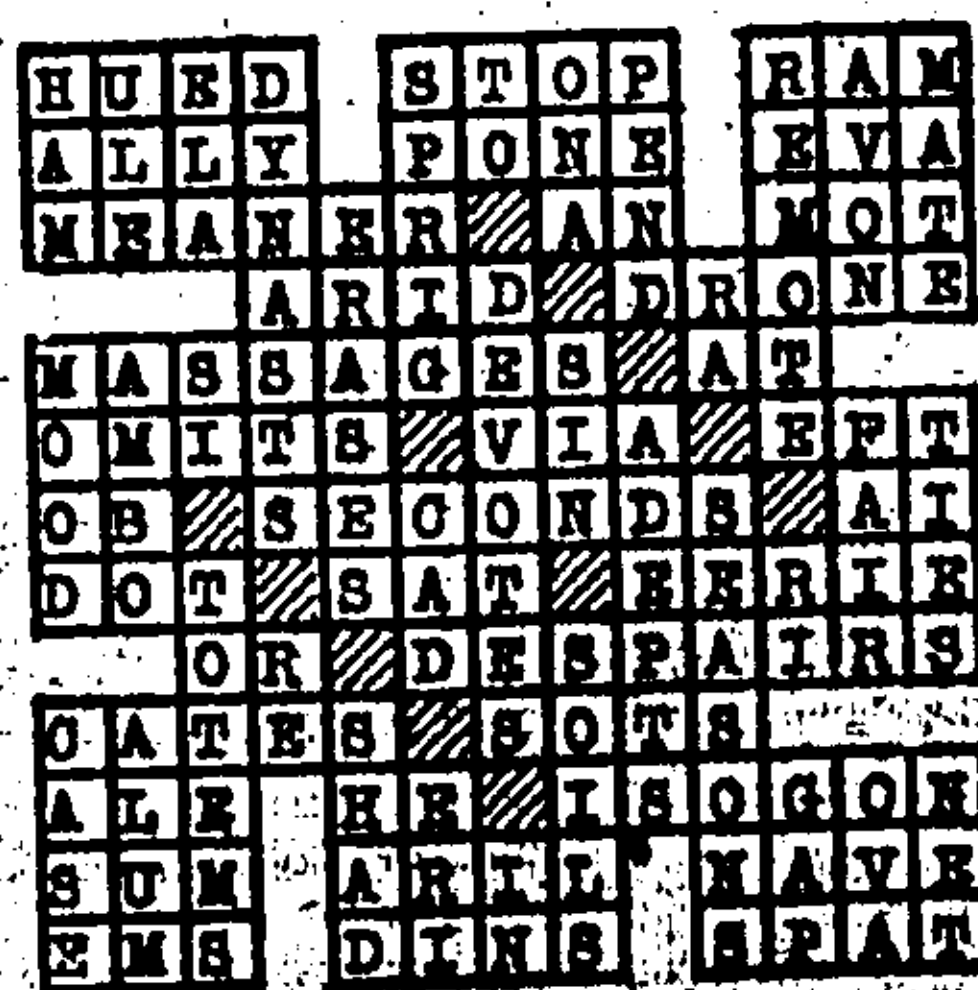
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Marsh
- 4 To shave
- 8 To tarnish
- 12 Cheer
- 13 Image
- 14 River in Germany
- 15 Cleopatra's handmaid
- 17 Island near Greece
- 18 To impoverish
- 19 Endeavoured
- 21 Murmur
- 22 Cravat
- 23 Wrinkle
- 26 Frame
- 28 To appear
- 30 Spanish article
- 31 Trifles
- 32 Baneful
- 33 Adorned
- 35 In
- 36 To jab
- 37 Animate
- 38 To thrive
- 41 More solemn
- 43 Manner
- 44 To elevate
- 45 Vegetable

VERTICAL

- 1 Kind of cheese
- 2 Skulls
- 3 Weird
- 4 Greek letter
- 5 Agreement
- 6 Cross
- 7 Hypothetical being
- 8 Watery portion
- 9 Chunky
- 10 Japanese sash
- 11 Number
- 16 Glides
- 20 Archaic pronoun
- 21 Pronoun
- 23 Assigns
- 24 To forsake
- 25 Senior
- 26 To pierce
- 27 A particle
- 29 Large deer
- 33 Rank
- 34 Stimulated
- 36 Through
- 39 Pies
- 40 Teeth
- 42 Japanese measure
- 44 Teutonic character
- 45 Is able
- 46 Number
- 47 To befall
- 49 Arabian name
- 50 Mush
- 53 Toward

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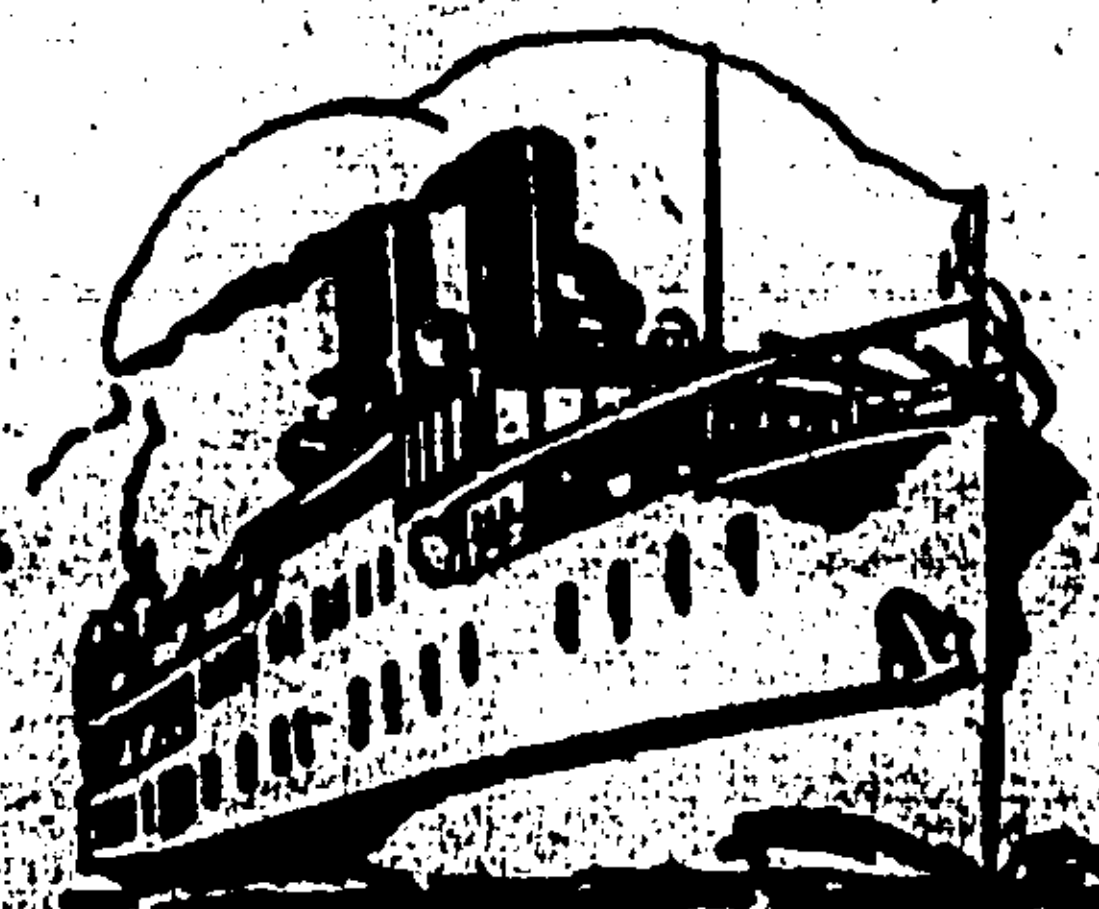
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London, To-day.

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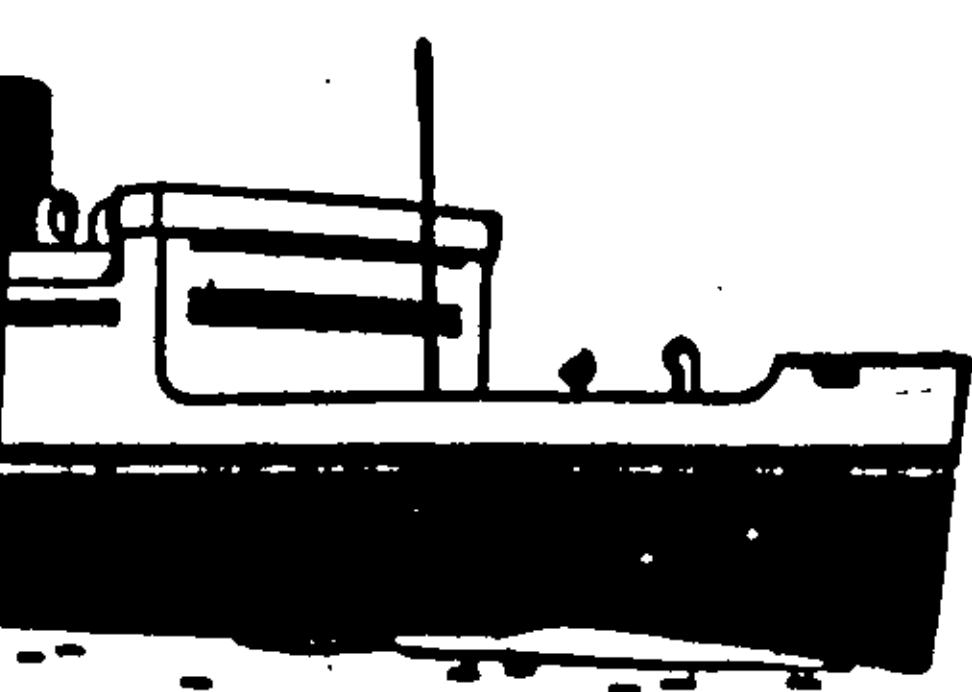
Albion	4	Motherwell	0
Hamilton	3	St. Mirren	4
Kilmarnock	3	Ayr	1
Morton	2	Airdrie	1

EASTERN

Aberdeen	0	Falkirk	2
Cowdenbeath	0	Ribernian	4
Dundee	2	St. Bernards	2
East Fife	3	Dundee U.	6
Hearts	7	Arbroath	2
King's Park	1	Alloa	2
St. Johnstone	10	Raith R.	3
Stenhousemuir	2	Dunfermline	0

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Star Ferries \$68½ b.

Yauamati Ferries \$23¾ b.

China Lights (Old) \$7½ b.

H.K. Electrics \$53½ sa.

Sandakan Lights \$11.10 b.

Telephones (Old) \$24½ b.

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Dairy Farms (New) \$21¼ b., \$21 sa.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6¾ b.

Constructions (Old) \$1¾ b.

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Suyoc Consol. Ps. .14½ sa.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .25 b.

United Paracales Ps. .35 sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

London silver was quoted yesterday at 22 for spot and 23-3/16 for forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.02 and the New York on London rate at £ — U.S.\$3.95-3/8.

POLES IN R.A.F. UNIFORM

London, December 14.

Somewhere in England (as announced by the Secretary for Air in the House of Commons on Tuesday) the first detachment of the Polish Air Force is already training with enthusiasm to form itself into the first of several squadrons that will soon become part and parcel of the R.A.F.

Many of the officers and men arrived in this country after alarming experiences with practically no money and very little clothing. By the end of this week this first detachment will be wearing R.A.F. uniform. The only distinguishing marks will be a difference in the cap badge and the Polish eagle on the left pocket of the tunic.

Despite their ordeal, the spirit of these airmen is as strong as ever. They are living for the day when, in British aircraft and with British armament, they can return to the fight. They are being given another chance, and this time the odds will certainly not be against them.

FULL OF ENTHUSIASM

R.A.F. officers who have had the task of getting their Polish "recruits" housed in an R.A.F. station are full of admiration for their new charges.

One officer said: "Those who have arrived so far are a magnificent body of men. All have plenty of actual flying experience and they are full of enthusiasm. Not only will pilots, observers, gunners and wireless operators be found for air crews, but aircraft maintenance will also be undertaken by Polish personnel."

Some are already "ace" pilots. One has been a test pilot for a big Polish aircraft firm for several years and has often been to England to fly "Spitfires" and similar high-powered Service planes. Another, a sergeant, has already experienced being shot down by Germans. He managed to escape and then found his way out of Poland in time to join his colleagues. Several already speak English.

"Y" LADIES SENIOR HOCKEY TEAM

There are two changes in the "Y" Ladies' senior hockey team to meet Reccelo in the Caer Clark Cup competition on Saturday. In the absence of Mrs. Gardner, who is on holiday, Miss Bradbury will appear at inside-left and, owing to the fact that Miss Minnot has given up the game, Mrs. Trimmer, "Y" Juniors full-back, will fill the goal-keeper's berth.

Following is the team:—
Mrs. Trimmer; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Slarbuck and Miss Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harter, Miss D. McCaw, Miss Bradbury and Miss Buchanan.

K.G.C. ACTIVITIES

W. V. Ahern returned the winning card 89 (8) 81 in the One Club Competition held over the holidays at Kowloon Golf Club. Other scores were W. Davenport 100 (15) 85, A. A. Lopes 98 (9) 87.

HIGH HANDICAP COMPETITION
Following is the Draw for next Sunday's play off:

9.00 a.m. T. Henderson & A. G. Butfield.
9.04 " F. Sale & G. Frost.
9.08 " R. A. C. Basto & J. G. Humble.
9.12 " F. E. Lawrence & B. Basto.
9.16 " H. J. Grosse & W. Webber.
9.20 " G. C. Moss & J. M. Boyd.
9.24 " P. Finlayson & L. Jack.
9.28 " W. Davenport & W. Kershaw.

C.C.C. TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a friendly cricket match against Army on Saturday commencing at 2.00 p.m. on the home ground:—E. Zimmerman (Capt.), A. R. H. Kinnell, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lin, W. Hong Sing, G. Winch and F. R. Zimmerman.
Umpire—G. Ladd. Scorer—H. W. Randall.

THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

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bag, packing his bat and pads and gloves, and Colonel Parker stood by to help him.

Robin stood up, pushed his tousled hair from his forehead and grinned at me. "Lucky to get my innings before the fun began!" he said. "Look at that heap of chairs!—looks as if there'd been a big speech-day rag!"

I watched them walk across the meadow to the stile that led them to The Manor House. The Colonel was helping Robin with his bag, each taking one of the leather handles. I saw Pat's white pullover: a little pale cloud moving in the shadows of the trees, and they were gone.

I called "Good night" to a white-clad cricketer in the lane beside the gate to my meadow—it was too dark to recognise him, but he called out: "Good night, Mr. Hopkins!" as he passed upon his way.

Sunday was a calm, clear day, incredibly like all other Sundays that had passed in Beadle. Every one attended morning service, and in the afternoon I took the long walk I had promised myself on the night before.

After tea I read the Sunday papers. I have said little concerning the manner in which the newspapers and the radio had dealt with those closing days. Gradually—almost imperceptibly—they had discarded their exciting, almost flippant approach to the crisis.

There was an inspiring article by the Archbishop of Canterbury entitled "Courage," and straightforward messages from famous men in different walks of life, all stressing the theme: "There's a fighting chance!—keep your spirits up!"

At evening service the vicar reminded his congregation of instructions already issued for the following day, and ended a touching little sermon with the words: "We shall meet again to-morrow night."

On the fatal Monday I awoke at eight when Mrs. Buller brought my tea. I drew back my curtains upon a dark, leaden morning, more like November than the first week of May. It seemed as if even the normal functions of weather had ended, and the country lay embalmed beneath a dusty glass case. As I returned up the hillside from tending my poultry I found myself panting for breath. I cannot describe the atmosphere of that morning: it was neither warm nor cold—damp nor dry—a dead, foetid sickness surrounded me like a pall.

The newspapers were published upon four pages, only that morning. There was a cartoon by Bridgnorth: an effigy representing the world facing the moon—behind the world lay all the dead crises and terrors of the past which the world had faced and triumphed over, suggesting that the world could face and



Tripping the lights fantastic too in their shoes may tempt you.

still defeat its most terrible trial of all. On the front page of every newspaper appeared short messages of hope and courage from the heads of every great nation upon the earth.

For the first time in history the whole world stood as if clasping hands—quarrels forgotten, friendships remembered in a last great "Auld Lang Syne."

As Mrs. Buller was clearing away my lunch I inquired whether her preparations were complete for going to the dugout that afternoon.

"Everything's ready," replied the old lady. "I'm filling two flasks with coffee and taking . . ."

"One flask will be sufficient," I said—and then I broke to her the news that I had kept from her as long as possible. "I shall not be coming to the dugout myself, Mrs. Buller. I have decided to stay here."

My decision may seem a reckless one; the wilful casting away of my slender chance of survival, but for months the thought of that dugout had haunted me. Ever since childhood I had had a horror of closed-in places.

From my garden I could see the village people coming from their homes and going into the dugout in Burgin Park. I should have stayed indoors during that heart-rending hour, for as I watched them go I had a desperate longing to be with them. The squat little figure of Sapper Evans was gazing around as if searching for a late comer who might be upon his way. Was he waiting for me? He came out a little way and looked into the sky: he went back, adjusted something above the entrance and closed the door behind him.

As the door closed, the clock in Beadle Church tower pealed the hour of five. The Sapper had been true to military punctuality until the last.

Dazedly I tried to consider my position. If the forecast of the experts was correct, I still had two hours.

The air outside was growing steadily more stagnant and unbreathable. I

SECRET PAPERS STOLEN

More secret documents have been stolen from an unattended motor-car in London.

They were left in a suitcase while the owner, the managing director of a firm which is carrying out work for the Ministry of Home Security, made a call in the West End. When he returned to his car the suitcase had vanished.

spent an hour gumming strips of stout brown paper around the frames of the windows. I stuffed the chimneys tightly with wet towels, and even had the foresight to gum a square of paper over the letter-box.

Then I lay down to rest and I may have dozed: I do not know. I can only say that gradually I became aware that sounds had been gathering for some little while in my subconscious mind. I rose from the sofa and went to the window.

Definite sounds were above me now—a long-drawn, wailing sigh like an animal in pain. It died away—then came again more fiercely: it became a groan: a shriek—and the hurricane was in the valley.

The wind now came in a torrent—one shrieking, ceaseless torrent of maniacal fury. I could not move: there came a great rending as if the whole hillcrest were being torn open from horizon to horizon—I saw the giant elms brace themselves—quiver and fall like corn before a scythe. One, seized in a freakish eddy, stood for a few seconds completely upon its head, with its roots waving like branches before it collapsed downwards into its own tangled foliage.

Something came with a mighty crash against the back of my house: the whole structure swayed and I heard a cascade of falling tiles. Mercifully the hurricane was coming from the east: my house was built a little below the hillcrest upon the western side and but for this protection nothing could have saved it from being swept bodily away.

Something dark and square, that looked like a shed, came flying up the valley, rolling over and over in the

air at least a hundred feet from the earth. Around it, like small planets, whirled a number of fluffy balls—my chicken house!—my poultry!—dead, helpless, fluffy balls—and I had known them all by name!

Suddenly—without warning—the window burst. The force that burst the glass did not come from outside: it came from within as if an invisible elephant were in the room and had leaned against the pane.

The glass flew outwards but made no sound as it fell, and then to my astonishment a pile of notepaper and envelopes upon the writing table whisked up and flew in a stream through the window. They fluttered up a few yards then dropped like sheets of lead on to the path.

I realised dimly what had happened.

The air had left the earth—I remembered the words of Professor Hartley: "The earth may be jolted out of its skin of atmosphere." But the thought was gone within a second, for almost at once I was struggling in that room like a drowning man.

TO-MORROW: The Wrecked World

U.S. SHIP YARDS BUSY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. The latest issue of "Marine Engineering and Shipping News" states that the total tonnage, war and merchant, under construction in United States yards is now 74 per cent. greater than in the corresponding period of last year. — Havas.

HOW B.E.F. WAS CONVEYED TO FRANCE

London, To-day. In an article appearing in the weekly journal, "Shipping World," Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Shipping, reveals that the British Expeditionary Force was conveyed to France in 174 ships making a total of over 400 voyages.—British Wire- less.

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STARTING TO-MORROW AT QUEEN'S

CRICKET NOTES

HIGH STANDARD IN THE MATCH BETWEEN FREE FORESTERS, CLUB C.S.C.C. Stars' Absence Spoiled Game At Valley

TERRIBLE FIELDING OF C.C.C. SENIORS

(By "ADREM")

THERE WAS AN extremely full cricket programme over the week-end, chief centre of interest being Chater Road, where Hong Kong Cricket Club entertained Free Foresters in the first local appearance of the latter club in the Colony.

Having regard to the strength of the Free Foresters, on paper, and the fact that Club's bowling could hardly be described as powerful, it is not really surprising that Free Foresters won.

There was complete domination of the Free Foresters' batting over Club bowling throughout and had not the formers' captain issued instructions for his later batsmen to hit and get out in order that his bowlers could have a stab at Club's batsmen in the last 20 minutes, they might have run up quite a mammoth score.

As it was they totaled 279. Grose and Perry, for Free Foresters, put up 51 for the first wicket and Skipworth and Godby rubbed it in to such good purpose that the 140 was hoisted for the loss of only two wickets. With further useful scores by Teversham and McLellan a total of 279 was made by 5 p.m.

Club lost the wicket of Fortescue in the 20 minutes remaining before stumps were drawn but Alec Pearce, who succeeded him, was very confident and scored 19 before the closure.

MONDAY'S PLAY

Resuming on Monday morning, Pearce and Richardson carried the score to 97 before the former was c and b Perry. Thereafter Free Foresters assumed command of the game, as, apart from a useful innings of 33 by N. D. Lloyd, who, with F. M. L. Haymes added 36 for the ninth wicket, nobody else got many.

Harvey and McLellan bowled very steadily as did Perry and they were never easy to get away.

With a lead of over 100, Free Foresters were entitled to enforce the follow-on but, deciding against this, they carried on to make 132 in their second innings, Grose and Perry adding 44 for the first wicket and most of the others getting double-figures.

Club fared badly against the varied Free Foresters' attack and were all out for 113. The two Pearces, getting into the thirties, being the only batsmen to offer any real resistance.

Standard of cricket reached was fairly good and it is to be hoped that Free Foresters will again be seen in action in the not too distant future.

While the presence of D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, T. V. N. Fortescue, J. E. Richardson and N. D. Lloyd in this

match contributed a good deal to the standard mentioned above, their absence from Civil Service helped little to make the fixture between that Club and K.C.C. more enjoyable. K.C.C., except for Lloyd, were at full strength, and, without wishing to depreciate the performances of these lads at all, it was hardly paying the visitors a compliment to turn out a team of schoolboys against them.

Had not Teddy Fincher decided to make a game of it and taken Robbie Lee off when he was bowling very well, it is more than possible that C.S.C.C. would not have reached 50.

ANDERSON'S FEAT

Chief feature of the match was the remarkable feat of Donald Anderson in hitting Victor Bond for eight boundaries in one over. This has been described as a local record and I have little doubt that it is in view of the short length of time that eight-ball overs have been in operation.

It was unfortunate for Bond, who at best is a change bowler, that he should have had to shoulder the responsibility of opening. His first ball, a real beauty, beat Anderson all ends up but missed the wicket, and, although he bowled a couple of long-hops and a full toss which Hung tennis-smashed to the boundary, his first two overs gave no indication of what was to follow.

Anderson—hit—everything—beautifully. Anything that could be reached was driven hard and straight, there was a hook and a couple of square-cuts in as spectacular a piece of batting as I have ever seen.

It was not surprising that this effort not only demoralised Bond but also Hung, batting the other end, and he was bowled off the first ball of the next over. Up to this time the bowling had been very mediocre as, apart from Bond's inconsistency, Whitley was unable to find a length and had proved fairly expensive.

When Norman Smith, of C.B.S. was put on, however, rate of scoring slowed up perceptibly. This lad puts plenty of vim into his bowling, which pitches for the most part on the leg stump and turns in just a fraction. His chief asset, however, is his pace off the wicket.

He bowled Anderson when the latter tried to hit him out of the ground and had Mackay in all sorts of trouble before having him caught off a full-toss after being dropped a couple of balls previous. He finished up an excellent performance with 6 for 61. A most promising display against a good batting side.

With Lee bowling aggressively and K.C.C. holding all catches, Civil Service wickets began to topple like nine-pins. Four wickets were down with 8 on the board; five were down with 20 and then Teddy Fincher took Lee off and brought on some of his seldom-used change-bowlers, who were more optimistic than skillful!

SMITH BATS WELL

Norman Smith settled down off this sort of stuff and after playing one or two effective cow-shots, batted really well, driving and hooking with great power.

He participated in useful stands with Tamworth, Bond and Whitley and when he was well caught in the country by Rapley with his score at 56, Civil Service was pretty safe as Whitley by this time was seeing the ball quite well. The last-named and Hollidge managed to play out time.

Hollidge's innings was particularly plucky as he was batting with a damaged finger injured early in Anderson's innings in going for a low catch at cover.

On an "anything" ground, Craigengower had only themselves to blame for their defeat at the hands of the champions who, batting first, had no chance of quick succession for only 21 runs.

Frankie Stewart, in one innings, has bowled magnificently and appeared quite capable of going right through the side. Then came some more of the same.

EFFORT BEING MADE TO CARRY ON CRICKET LEAGUE

Most of the cricket clubs, in reply to the recent circular, having replied in favour of carrying on the League, there is now every likelihood that it will not be cancelled as was at one time thought probable. The following statement was issued by Mr. A. H. Madar, Hon. Secretary of the League, this morning:

"With regard to the Cricket League fixtures, an effort is being made to change those fixtures which clash with Camp dates and a possible solution appears likely.

"Second Division arrangements for Saturday will be considered as League games until a final decision is reached."

Snicks were allowed to go for four; other shots that should have been fielded, went the same way. Zimmern appeared to become discouraged and went to pieces.

Rodrigues was the first Recreio batsman to stop the rot. He played a typical innings, going along quietly and scoring off anything loose on the leg side. At the close he was undefeated with 61.

Full marks must also be given to veteran Jackie Noronha, who batted really well for 21, and A. E. Noronha impressed me considerably with his coolness and the efficient manner in which he played all his strokes.

In the absence of Eddie Gosano, A. P. Pereira opened the Recreio bowling with Ozorio and these two proved more than equal to the occasion.

Ernie Zimmern made 16 and Lim 19 but none of the earlier batsmen ever looked like staying. Had not A. T. Lee made 27, batting at No. 9, their score would have looked even sicker! It was a good effort on the part of Lee who has not played an innings for several months.

Ozorio, who never looks very difficult from the pavilion, again took most wickets, finishing up with 7 for 33 in 10 overs. Pereira did not bowl as well as his 3 for 19 would suggest.

I had great hopes for Craigengower but unless they improve their fielding considerably they are not going to meet with the success in the League that at one time seemed fairly certain.

MIGHT HAVE MADE DIFFERENCE

Had G. Hong Choy been tried a bit earlier against Indian R.C., there might have been a different story to tell. University, dismissed for 94, of which Matthews and Hong Choy made the bulk, were unable to cope with I.R.C.'s opening batsmen—A. H. Rumjahn and K. Nazarin and I.R.C. had 89 on the board with only two wickets down when Hong Choy was given the ball.

In a sensational spell of a little more than an over and a half, he took 4 wickets for

only 12 runs, by which time of course, it was much too late.

HIGH SCORING

There was some fairly high scoring at Kowloon Cricket Club, where the second elevens of K.C.C. and H.K.C.C. were featured in a draw.

K.C.C., batting first, made 168 for 6 dec., G. E. Taylor, S. A. Gray and R. Baldwin all making useful scores. Club attack however, was not impressive, only Stoker bowling at all well.

Special mention must be made of the two youngest members of the Club team, N. D. Booker and T. M. Sulter, who gave outstanding fielding displays.

Most of Club's runs were scored by ever-green E. J. R. Mitchell, who played a captain's innings of 45 not out, and Booker, who batted very nicely indeed for 44.

Gray, tried late, met with unusual success with the ball for K.C.C., taking 2 wickets for 3 runs!

From what I saw of the Police-Civil Service match there was more enthusiasm than skill. Cow-shooting was the order of the day and straight yorkers nearly always took wickets. Carey hit very hard for his 58 out of 76, but there only being three other double-figure scores, Police could only manage 138.

This, however, proved more than sufficient and the varied Police attack consisting on Saturday of Lewis, Hunter, Danbrowsky and Forrest split up the wickets among themselves.

University juniors, who appear likely to be in for a rough time if they play in the Junior League, were beaten rather easily by I.R.C. juniors, who cannot be described as powerful by any means.

All, Rahmin and M. I. Razack all reached the thirties for I.R.C., while J. Fenton and O. V. Cheung were the only University batsmen to make any runs against steady bowling by J. M. A. Rumjahn, who took 4 for 21 in 7 overs.

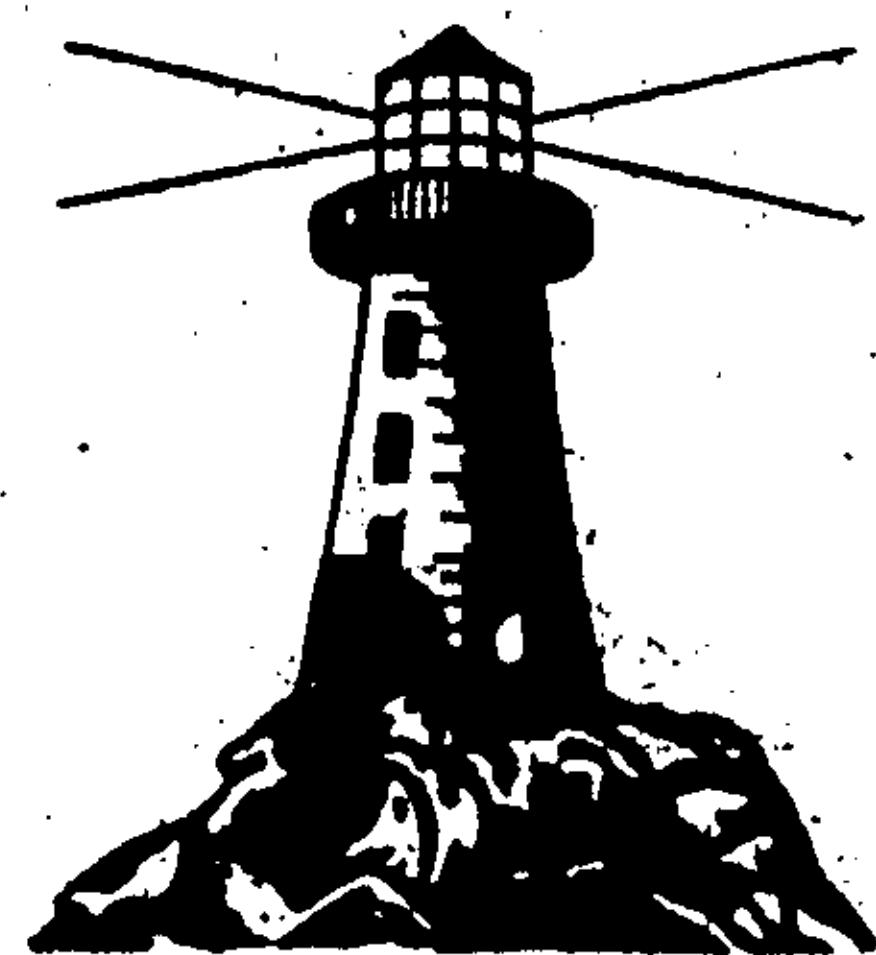


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RIDSDALE FIT AGAIN

Army have made one change in their team for the last Triangular Tournament Rugby match, at Causeway Bay next Saturday. Ridsdale is now fit again and he has come back as wing forward, allowing Pinkerton to go into the second row to the exclusion of Evans.

Army trounced Navy in their first encounter, but the latter's fine display against Club last Saturday gives promise of a very close game.

Following is the Army team:—L/Cpl Picton R.E.; L/Bdr. Richards R.A., L/Cpl. Waite R.E., Sergt. Lang R.A.O.C. and Lieut. Skipwith R.A.; Capt. Hook R.A. and Lieut. May D.L.I.; Lieut. Hewitt Mdx. R., L/Cpl Beddow D.L.I., Corpl. Sutherland R.S.; Pte. Berry Mdx. R., Lieut. Pinkerton R.S.; Capt. Duke R.S., Lieut. Cuthbertson R.S. and Lieut. Ridsdale R.N. Regt.

Reserves:—Sappr. Artingstall R.E., L/Cpl. Boe R.S., Sergt. Page R.A. and L/Bdr. Evans R.A.

COLONY LADIES' TENNIS

The semi-finals of the Colony women's tennis championships will be held at 3 p.m. on January 6 and January 14 at the U.S.R.C.

In the singles on Saturday, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet Miss J. Reeve and Mrs. E. Litton will meet Miss M. Stokes.

In the doubles on January 14 Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. W. Knight will meet Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Mrs. Lade and Mrs. Churchill will meet Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Litton.

Softball Notes will appear in all editions to-morrow.

LOW SCORES IN ARMY CRICKET MATCH

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

(By "ADREM")

Two matches on this evening's badminton programme should be fairly close affairs. They are the Kowloon Tong-St. John's fixture at Kowloon T.C.C. and the St. Andrew's-K.C.C. match at the Church Hall.

In the case of the former, St. John's should normally win but they will be without Henry Eardley. The Kwok brothers are splitting up, and only tried pairing will be Peter Wilson and Norman Smith.

It has just been learned that Kowloon Tong will not be playing St. John's this evening. According to recently-revised fixtures the latter club will be entertained by Recreo. Henry Eardley will after all be playing.

St. Andrew's should beat K.C.C. but they will not be advised to take matters too easily. Fisher and Wynter-Blyth are capable of winning three games while some improvement can be expected in the J. L. Anderson-Kevan combination.

In the other match St. Teresa's should have little difficulty in beating V.R.C.

PROGRAMME
V. R. C. v. St. Teresa's
Kowloon Tong v. St. John's
St. Andrew's v. K. C. C.
V.R.C.—S. A. Rumjahn and O. el Arculli;
D. M. Xavier and S. Castro; A. K. Rumjahn and A. A. Guterres.
St. Teresa's—John Chen and F. Tsang;

LOCAL FOOTBALL

REARRANGED MATCHES FOR WEEK-END

Owing to the replay of the Senior Shield Soccer game the following changes in this week's programme has been necessary.

The following games have been postponed.

FIRST DIVISION

Club v. Kowloon.

Royal Scots v. South China "B".

The following games have been rearranged.

Senior Shield (First Round)

Club v. Royal Scots (Club, 4 p.m.

Referee:—Foster, Linesmen:—Ient and Lee).

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. South China "B"

(Kowloon, 4 p.m., Referee:—Ford, Linesmen:—Pearson and Adlard).

Extra time must be played in all Shield games.

MOLTHEN THROUGH

In the third round of the Singles Handicap Competition at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday, Doc Molthen (plus 9) beat S. A. Ismail (plus 25) by 84 points, 607-523, after conceding 48 points to the loser.

Molthen scored 205, 225 and 177. Ismail had 48 added to his scores of 133, 153 and 189.

Peter Lo and Joseph Tsang; Austin Ho and John Tang.

Kowloon Tong—A. Chan and A. E. H. Castro; N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher; F. S. Ko and R. E. Lee.

St. John's—F. H. Kwok and R. C. Beaven; D. Kwok and R. Maynard; P. Wilson and N. L. Smith.

St. Andrew's—H. Kew and E. F. Fincher; A. E. P. Guest and W. Gillies; A. E. Brown and A. S. Bliss.

Playing in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Engineers beat the Royal Army Medical Corps by 43 runs.

R.A.M.C.		
Q.M.S. Patterson, b Ratcliffe	0	0
Cpl. Webb, c Shipp, b Cork	3	0
Pte. Boocock, c Denyer, b Shipp	30	0
Cpl. Musson, b Ratcliffe	5	0
Sgt. Shorthouse, b Ratcliffe	1	0
Cpl. Martin, c and b Shaw	0	0
Cpl. Parkin, b Shaw	0	0
Cpl. Mchew, b Shaw	0	0
Pte. Lithour, b Shipp	0	0
Q.M.S. Green, run out	1	0
Pte. Workman, not out	0	0
Extras (LB5)	5	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ratcliffe	7	2	14	3
Cork	3	0	14	1
Shaw	6	1	20	3
Shipp	3	2	1	2

R.E.

Cpl. Shaw, run out	1
Capt. Wilkinson, c Boocock, b Green	0
Spr. Bailey, b Green	1
S. M. Green, b Mchew	30
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Musson, b Green	8
Spr. Cork, b Musson, b Green	0
Spr. Fox, b Mchew	9
Sgt. Shipp, c Parkin, b Mchew	26
Spr. Goodman, st Webb, b Boocock	6
Sgt. Denyer, not out	1
Spr. Goss, c Webb, b Boocock	0
Extras (B14, LB1)	15

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Green	6	0	17	4
Martin	4	0	19	0
Boocock	4	0	35	3
Mchew	3	0	11	2

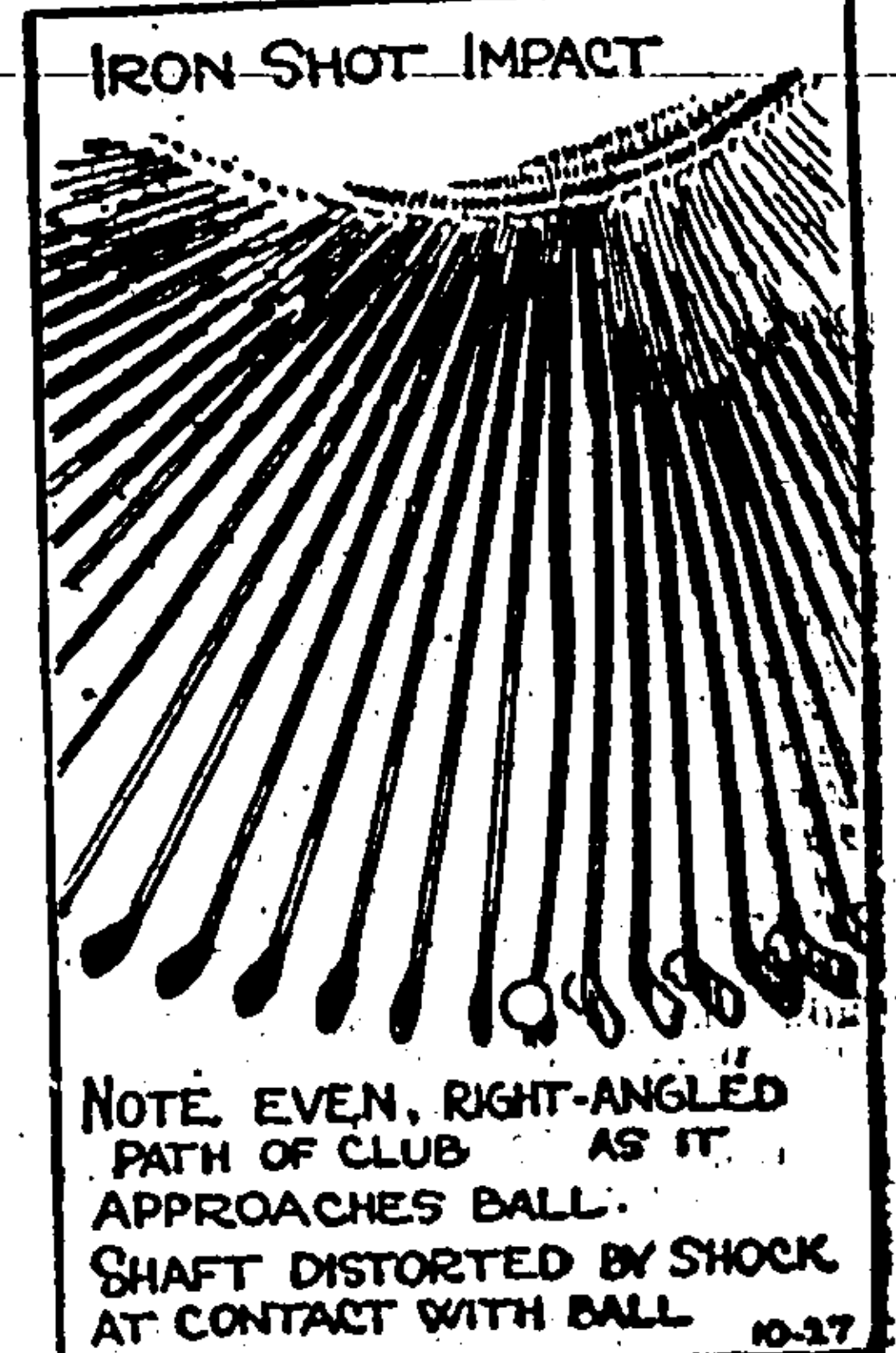
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By BEST BALL

In contrast to the swing of the average player is the illustrated iron shot of the first flight golfer above. The shock of impact turns the clubhead aside in the ordinary player's stroke while the expert's grip is firm enough to withstand this concussion. As a result the clubhead continues to follow through after the ball with the clubface still at right angles to the line of flight. Thus this is a continuation of the same path made by the clubhead in its approach to the ball.

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TO-DAY'S POLO MATCH

A polo match will be held at Boundary Road at 4 p.m. between the Durham Light Infantry and the Hong Kong team, which will be a representative of the local players.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



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